

The Lima News

AND TIMES-DEMOCRAT

HOME EDITION
THE NEWS IS OPERATED FOR
SERVICE TO ITS PATRONS

WEATHER—Generally fair tonight
and Saturday. Somewhat colder
tonight.
Maximum temperature, today, 21 at
4 p. m. Minimum, 18, at 11 a. m.

THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR

LIMA, OHIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1920

PRICE THREE CENTS



ARMY IS READY FOR DRIVE

SANTA CLAUS IS VERY KIND AND GENEROUS—BUT LET'S HOPE HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN ANYTHING



1,000 TO SOLICIT FOR CHEST

Workers Ready for House-to-House Canvass Tomorrow

HOPE TO RAISE \$100,000 SOON

Money to be Used for All Charitable Work in City

One of the greatest armies of mercy this section of the country has ever seen was ready and waiting for the zero hour today to go over the top in the interest of struggling humanity in Lima. One thousand strong, this body of workers will start their drive tomorrow morning, to fill the Community Chest with \$100,000 to take care of all charities in the city for the coming year.

Nothing has been overlooked in the preparations for this offensive. The city is well organized, in fact the best organized since the war when organization was the word. Every worker knows his or her place and it is expected that the campaign, which will be of only a few hours duration, will go off without a hitch and will be successful in every way.

PUBLIC WELL INFORMED
Added to the knowledge of the people of the city that it is their duty to assist their less fortunate brothers and sisters, will be the general spirit and feeling of good will to help the campaign. Every householder has been made acquainted with the objects of the work through the press and by means of personal literature which has been distributed during the last few days.

The latter literature has set forth in unanswerable arguments the reason for the community chest and shown what the money will be used for. The people are aware of the fact that this one drive will do away with the various solicitations for money which have been the custom here for years. They know that they may do all their charitable work with one act—giving to the chest fund.

The per capita amount needed in the city is estimated at \$2.44. Of course, many will give a hundred times this amount and others will feel that it is impossible for them to give that much, but it is the conviction of those in charge that more than the \$100,000 will be subscribed in the few hours if everyone gives according to his or her means.

KAUFMAN'S COMMITTEE
J. Kaufman, chairman of the executive committee was jubilant today. "We are going over big," he said. "Certainly it means work on our part and it means that every citizen must do his or her part but with a cause such as this I feel that everyone has made up their mind to give liberally and that it will mean only a few hours work of our big army to put the Community Chest across in the way Lima is accustomed to putting things over."

Kaufman's assistants and leaders were equally confident. The city has been divided into four divisions with a "general" in charge of the forces in each district. As the canvassers who will visit each house in their territory. Following are the divisions and their men in charge:

NORTHWEST: George H. Mehaney.
NORTHEAST: James L. Henry.
SOUTHEAST: James E. Morton.
SOUTHWEST: Thos. G. Scheid.

BUDGET EXPENSES
A fixed budget has been made up, showing how the money will be spent. It is as follows:

Social Service bureau, \$11,700.
Lima Day Nursery, \$4,500.
Allen-Go Child Welfare association, \$13,700.
Salvation Army, \$6,800.
Hospitals, \$16,400.
Boy Scouts of America, \$3,300.
Lima Loan Scholarship fund, \$1,250.
Community Recreation Council, \$4,500.
East Side Welfare association, \$500.
Undesignated and emergency relief, \$11,350.
Administration and campaign expenses, \$4,000.

Foreign relief work, including American Relief association, Polish Relief association, Devastated France, Fatherless Children of France, Near East Relief and other worthy causes may be approved by the executive committee, \$16,000.

No money is necessary for the next year for the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and Red Cross, all affiliated with this movement. It is specifically announced that any person desiring to give to the Community Chest and who wants his or her contribution expended by their favorite charitable organization may so designate and their wishes will be carried out.

Pledge cards will be passed out by solicitors tomorrow and those solicited will fill in the amount they wish to contribute. They will then be given an emblem to be placed in their window to indicate that they have become a subscriber to this great humanitarian enterprise.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please do not think me greedy and selfish because I am about to ask you for a large number of things this year. I need each and every one of them and do not consider any of them luxuries.

I would not have to ask for so many things were it not for the fact that I have had very few things I needed during the present year. The things I am about to ask for, of course, cannot all be delivered at once but should be arranged for so that I will get them during the coming year in their proper order, that I may continue to grow and become big and prosperous in a way of which you will be proud. I am enumerating my needs below:

THE CITY OF LIMA.

CHRISTMAS is a time when we should be happy and make others happy—a time when good will should hold sway. For that reason I am asking you to see that my Community Chest is filled to overflowing so that I may take care of my children who are in need. Your big hearted assistants who help in this matter will find real joy in giving to this worthy cause.

YOUR laughing old eyes will be dazzled, I know, when you drive along Main-st. tonight. My new lights should be a surprise to you and you can see how badly I need more. Please bring me an order for many blocks more of them to be erected before you make another annual visit.

NOTHING would please me more than the effecting of a better and more profitable understanding with my country cousins. I realize, and I believe they do too, that we must work hand in hand, give the fullest cooperation, if we both are to succeed in attaining the greater things for which we are striving. You can help, Santa, by slipping into every stocking here and for fifty miles around a little note bearing these words: City Dweller, Rural Dweller—You have much in common. Your problems must be solved by working in harmony. Now is the time to start.

YOU are, I am told, as fully imbued with the spirit of Americanism as any, though you spend a part of your time in the clime of ice and snow. This being the case, please drop me off a year's supply of flags for my flagpole in the square so that one may wave from its top every day until you return again.

THAT my people may be happier and more prosperous, I desire that you bring me a panacea for the selfishness and suspicion which has sprung up. In too many cases men are grasping and gouging and trampling their fellow men under their feet. In too many cases men no longer trust each other in dealings. Change this condition and you will have bestowed the greatest Christmas present you have ever delivered.

BRING me an order for the removal of the unsightly poles in my main streets and you will be forever blessed.

WHISPER to my officials as you dash past that public work should be started in January—that is the paper work. Then contractors can start the dirt work when the warm sun begins to shine and you are snuggled up in your hut of ice.

MY electric power and light problems you found a year ago have not been solved. My progress is being held back thereby and I would appreciate the favor if you will leave me a franchise which will provide me with ample power and along with it suitable street car service, giving all concerned a square deal.

I HAVE been cold and hungry in spots, Santa, since my gas supply was turned off. Please bring me an early settlement of this perplexing problem that my families who are in dire need of it may be warm and cheery again and their little ones may have warm food.

I FEAR for your precious cargo of good cheer if you attempt to travel too far on Main-st. There is danger, too, of your reindeer falling into a hole and becoming injured. While you are passing thru, please drop off a suggestion to my people that they repair this street. Give us a plan on which they can unite and which is proof against the tampering of politicians and obstructing manipulators.

THE thing I desire most of all is a return to the good old normal business basis, stabilization of prices and the wheels of industry turning busily under the guidance of contented workers. I believe you will see the necessity of this gift and will make it possible early in the new year. I realize that this condition is near at hand, but anything you can do to hasten it will be appreciated.

HOMES, more homes, no end of homes will be needed to house my families in the great program of expansion I have mapped out. Above all, Santa, provide them.

I AM ready to go ahead, to make history in civic development and industrial progress. I have a Chamber of Commerce ready to back me and assist in every detail that will make me larger, stronger. Please bring to this organization the financial and moral support it will need in the vast work it is undertaking. Without it I will be handicapped.

I F you can find your way about some of my streets with their confusing numbers and no street markers you are fortunate. Many of my citizens are unable to do it. Please bring me an order for the complete renumbering of streets and a supply of signs for the various corners.

LAST, but not least, please bring to me and all my neighbors a Merry Christmas and the most prosperous New Year they have ever experienced.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED PLANS MADE FOR SMITH BAIL

SANTA CLAUS is as real, as living, as wonderful today in the hearts of the small boy and girl, as he was when you were a small boy or girl. Santa Claus is a synonym, a vagary, a chimera as it were; as fleeting and as unreal as the mirage, yet Santa Claus is what we of Lima must become for those people and those endeavors and civic advancements which are epitomized in this so-called Welfare campaign.

Suppose nobody had cared when you were a wee bit of flesh; suppose nobody had cared as you grew from kindergarten to grade school age. If nobody did care, you know better than we, how much it would have meant to you if somebody had cared. Then again, success itself demands service. If you have achieved beyond the average, it is well and meet that you should give to others to provide them with means of education, mental and physical; safeguards for health and development; sunshine where only the dark will reign if you turn a deaf ear.

It is hard for any individual to give judiciously and sanely; hard to give where it is not considered alms; one may think he is doing a favor when he is only inflicting insult. Thru the Welfare organization is offered the opportunity to give wisely and to definite causes. The Community Chest is a liability of the city's well-to-do, who have prospered within that city.

The Welfare movement is not paternal; it is rather governmental. It is insurance of the future race and preservation for the defeated in Life's great battle. After all, you can't take your money with you on that little jaunt back to whence you came; all you can do with it is distribute it in some form to others. A liberal donation to the Community Chest will make you feel better, for it is far more remunerative to one's self to give than to receive. The Good Book had it right; altho it takes years to convince of that fact. Fill out your pledge, within your means, but with the thought that you have not lived in vain, but have lived to do good unto others as well as unto your own.

Accused Slayer of Hamon Expected to be Released

FORT WORTH, Texas — (By Associated Press) — The arrival here of Miss Clara Smith, charged with having fired the shot which caused the death of Ardmore, Oklahoma, November 26, of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma Republican national committeeman and oil magnate, was expected Friday.

Miss Smith, who is in charge of officers and attorneys to whom she surrendered at Juarez, Mexico, Wednesday night, is expected to remain here several hours for a conference with her attorneys and will then be taken to Ardmore for arraignment in connection with charges. Arrangements are said to have been made at Ardmore for her immediate release on bail.

Whether the party will come into Fort Worth by train or will alight at a nearby station and motor in as a matter of conjecture. If officials had any information on the subject, they kept it to themselves.

WILL DENIED
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (By Associated Press) — A conference having to do with the affairs of the Jake L. Hamon estate was scheduled here Friday between Fred Ellis, attorney for Mrs. Hamon, the widow, and Frank L. Ketch, former business manager for the late Oklahoma Republican national committeeman and administrator of the estate. The meeting was planned on Mr. Ketch's arrival here from Chicago.

There was some speculation as to whether the men would discuss unofficial reports that there is in existence a will bequeathing part of the estate to Miss Clara Smith, now being taken to Ardmore for arraignment on a charge of having killed Mr. Hamon.

Mr. Ellis declined to say whether he expected the conversations to take that trend. In a statement he asserted emphatically that his own left no will supporting his contention by declaring that a thorough search of his personal effects had revealed no trace of it. He also declared that Mr. Hamon had told him shortly before his death that he had not made one.

Reports of the existence of an instrument making Miss Smith a beneficiary he characterized as "ridiculous" and challenged those supporting the claim to come forward with specific evidence.

He refused to discuss reports that Mrs. Hamon would contest should such a document be produced.

BRITAIN SHUT IN FOR CHRISTMAS

Cables Cease and Newspapers Suspend for Three Days

LONDON—(By United Press)—Great Britain, not content with a mere pre-war Christmas, Saturday begins celebration of a pre-Victorian holiday.

Business is to be suspended for three days. The curtailment of communication was the nearest approach to the olden days when telegraph was unknown, the cable was not even a wild dream and newspapers were not necessarily bearers of news.

With interest in what transpires in the rest of the world in the next three days. Great Britain was supposed to settle into an old-fashioned Yuletide, with blazing logs and warming drinks to aid the merriment.

ment, will cease for those three days to worry the ordinary citizen. — All trains leaving the city were packed to capacity Friday. Guests were leaving for week-end parties in all sections of England. Those at home shuttered their office and shop doors.

Good cheer did not reign alone. A half million unemployed faced a three-day period in which they will be cut off even from casual contact with those who might help. The cold weather added no cheer to those who will, caps pulled low and coat collars turned up, shuffled down side streets to some forlorn shelter.

Newspapers and what they could distribute to the needy, and they will dispel some of the gloom with their presents of food and fuel.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—VETERANS CHEERED
AKRON — Christmas cheer was taken to disabled war veterans in all government hospitals Friday thru the medium of brightly colored packages of candy sent Knell Post of the American Legion. More than 1,000 pounds of chocolates were used to fill the boxes. Each box was individually addressed.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—

HARDING CONFERS WITH TAFT

Gets Former President's Views on World Peace

MARION — (By Associated Press) — President-elect Harding turned to former President Taft Friday for counsel on the world peace problem and on practical details of organizing the next administration.

The conference was arranged by Mr. Harding and is understood to have concerned particularly the proposal for a new international court in which the former president has been interested for many years. Mr. Taft was a supporter of the Versailles league, but has taken the attitude that some different agency now must be organized to stabilize world conditions.

Another subject on which the president-elect wanted information and advice was the proposed reorganization of the executive branch of the government. In the closing days of his administration Mr. Taft made a study of that problem and appointed an efficiency commission to undertake the work of reorganization. The coming of Mr. Taft revived speculation about his possible appointment to some high post under the coming administration.

NO PAPER SATURDAY

Following out the custom of The Lima News, there will be no issue of this paper Saturday, Christmas.

The regular Sunday morning edition will be issued.

GOMPERS SEES PERIL IN KANSAS TRIBUNAL LABOR EDICT

Court's Order that Mills Shall Care for Employees During Shutdown, Bad Precedent, President of the American Federation Believes

Thinks Government Interference with Industries Will Lead to Such Conditions as Exist in Russia—Basis of Sovietism, He Says

By SAMUEL GOMPERS.

WASHINGTON.—Applause is being given in some quarters to the newest extraordinary activity of the Kansas court of industrial relations.

According to newspaper reports, the Kansas court has ruled that "skilled and faithful employees should be given such treatment as will enable them during the period of limited production to support themselves and their families."

This may be merely a pious wish of the court intended as a suggestion to employers not to stop wages when the mills are closed. It may mean that the court intends to force employers

to pay shut-downs to carry on their payrolls their "skilled and faithful employees." In the last case the right of the employee to lay off workmen would be taken from him. In any event, the flow of mills of Kansas is to be regulated by a committee appointed by the court. No doubt the committee will base its regulations on the principle laid down and quoted above.

Those who applaud this principle are those who have applauded the Kansas industrial relation court since its inception. They all this ruling another proof of the fairness of the court, and the idea behind it.

PRINCIPAL OF ACTION
In one respect, these people are right. If you take away a man's right to decide the wage at which he will work and give to a court the right to fix wages, it is only fair that you take away from the employer his right to decide how much he shall pay for the work he wants done. In making the decision, or in the principle accorded to it, the Kansas court of industrial relations therefore seems only to be running along in accord with the principle on which it was established.

This principle of government or court regulation of industrial conditions, of hours of labor, of wages, is the principle of paternalism in government. It is the idea on which the socialist and communist state is based. The Soviet government of Russia started out, based on the principle of paternalism. Soon the Russian workers, as everybody now knows, ceased to be free workers. They became slaves. The government fixed their wages, their hours of labor, told them where they should work, refused to let them quit work and seek employment elsewhere except on special permission.

Is the principle of paternalism, a good thing for the people of America? I think not. Yet, in this country we have been working toward that very principle for a long time, perhaps without realizing it.

Do we want our courts to fix our wages?
Do our employers want the courts to fix the conditions under which they shall operate their plants? Do they want the courts to fix the wages they shall pay their employees? Do they want the courts to fix the dividends they shall earn and pay their stockholders? I think not.

I believe the great mass of American employers believe in collective bargaining and the rights of workers to a share in management of industry, insofar as it may be necessary to give the workers a voice in determination of wages and working conditions. They will not discover where the present reactionary tendencies are leading them and the United States. Meanwhile, labor will continue to struggle against reaction and paternalism, which is a form of reaction and will continue to win victories as in the past.

Only the thinking will applaud the action of the Kansas court of industrial relations. It will not long before the people of Kansas will understand the significance of the court and come to know where they are being led. Then they will abolish this court.

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XMAS MARRIAGES NUMBER SEVEN

Record of Licenses Issued Up to Noon Hour Friday

Christmas, the time from of old, is which to celebrate the marriage vows, witnessed a big rush of matrimonially-inclined persons to the marriage altar.

As a result, seven marriage licenses were issued up to noon Friday.

Those who secured authority to wed in celebration of the glad holiday of Christmas were:

Joseph F. Babcock, 42, machinist, Lima, and Clara E. Kelley, 38, Spencerville.

Joseph W. Crouse, 22, farmer, Ada, and Verna I. Augsburg, 24, Lafayette.

Wilbur L. Smale, 20, crane-man, 770 S. Main-st., and Alberta S. Heffner, 18, 826 S. Main-st.

Rollie E. Thompson, 22, farmer, Delphos, R. F. D. No. 6, and Cora M. Oon, 22, teacher, Lima, R. F. D. No. 7.

Ralph Ulrey, 34, woodworker, Lima, and Gladys I. Smith, 24, Perry.

Edward Marquart, 23, farmer, Hancock-co., and Stella O. Hirschfeld, 20, domestic, Allen-co.

David F. Mayer, 25, decorator, 122 Pearl-st., and Lydia M. Foss, 25, binder, 525 E. Franklin-st.

BUSINESS PAUSE ON CHRISTMAS

Most Everybody Will Take a Day Off, Save the Barbers

The wheels of the world finance, business and manufacture will halt Friday night and the directors of the destiny of Father Business will take advantage of the opportunity and pay homage to the holiday—Christmas.

All except the barbers. A hurried canvass of the city Friday morning indicated that as usual banks, department stores, groceries and other dispensers of necessities would remain closed all day Saturday, while the spirit of "good will to men" prevails.

But the barbers have decreed that no one in Lima shall go without their services and as a result, the tonsorial parlors of the city will be open until 11 a. m. Saturday.

All other business houses will remain open Friday night for the convenience of the buying public—just as the Friday were Saturday. Factories too will close, and production will come to a standstill for the day.

But tomorrow business will not be—all except the barbers.

FORGOTTEN



SUPPOSE NO BODY CARED

(BY RUSTY)
Suppose that you should die tonight
And leave a little one;
Suppose your call came suddenly,
With many things undone!
Suppose that one so dear to you
Were left all unprepared—
Suppose it happened wretchedly—
Suppose nobody cared!

A voice that's silent in the grave,
A voice that loved—and shared—
Suppose it was her babe and yours—
Suppose nobody cared!

For their dear sakes a little bit
Of God's sweet charity!
For the today it's not your own,
Tomorrow it may be
Misfortune will have fallen on
The home that has been spared—
And you'll thank God, beyond the
grave,
Because somebody's cared!

IMMORAL DANCING IS BANNED

Mayor Also Orders Rule of Dance Permits Enforced

The modern fine art of tripping the light fantastic is going to be thporly scrutinized by Lima police, beginning Friday night.

Reports coming to the mayor's office indicating laxness on the part of many dance promoters in the city, lead to the announcement.

The failure of many dance promoters to apply for permits before conducting a public dance has brought action from Mayor Burkhardt. He is insistent that all who would conduct such dances apply for the right to do so before allowing their orchestra to strike up.

This is especially true of certain lodges in Lima. The mayor said he suggested that his ruling be not mis construed to include private affairs. Whenever legitimate invitations are issued, a permit is not necessary. But when the public generally is admitted, the ruling holds, the chief executive declares.

Immoral dancing is also scored. "I thought the dancing situation was pretty well cleaned up," Mayor Burkhardt said Friday morning, "but from reports that are coming to me, some of the dance halls need a little watching."

As a result of the complaints, the mayor Friday instructed police to demand that all dance promoters, beginning tonight, produce their permit to conduct a public dance or else stop the entertainment.

An order was also given police by the mayor to instruct dance promoters to prohibit the so-called immediate dancing.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—
"PROFIT THE CHILDREN
Healthy Blood and a Healthy System is a Child's best protection against Colds, Grip and Influenza. Give them GROVE'S IRON TONIC SYRUP, 75c.

SALESMAN ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

H. G. Murray, 24, of 135 W. Wayne-st., was bound over to the grand jury Friday when arraigned before Judge Emmett Jackson in criminal court, charged with forgery.

He is alleged to have written several checks for \$5 last October, when he had no funds in the bank, police say.

Murray says he is a salesman. He was arrested at his home Thursday night by Officers Kipker and Landfair.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—
NOTICE
Mrs. Dorothy Oliver, the so-called Miss Dorothy Taylor, wishes to announce to her dear friends who sent the post card to her and all who know its contents that all her life she has reaped what she sowed and her back is still broad. Our Lord died to save sinners and not the righteous who never commit a wrong.
(Signed) Mrs. Dorothy Oliver

ARRESTED TWICE THIS WEEK FOR COAL THEFT

Arrested on two consecutive days charged with stealing coal, Harry Davis, 34, 915 Reese-ave., and John Boop, 28, of 1177 Tanner-ave., were both fined \$10 when arraigned in criminal court before Judge Emmett Jackson Friday morning.

Thursday this pair was given the same fine on the same charge in Justice Bokkin's court.

Boop told Judge Jackson that he stole the coal because he had no fuel at home. He is married he said, and has three children, and is momentarily expecting another visit from the stork, he told the judge.

Louden's Tea & Candy Room

REGENT THEATER BLDG.

In order that our employees may have the advantage of Christmas, we will not serve dinner on that day. Light lunches and fountain service only.

Special Sunday Dinner

1:00 to 2:00	\$1.50 per Plate	6:00 to 8:00
	MENU	
	Canape Fole Gras	
	Oyster Cocktail	
	Chicken Princess Soup	
	Celery	Olives
	Roast Young Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing or	
	Fried Spring Chicken, Country Style	
	Cranberry Sauce	
	Escalloped Corn with Peppers	
	Cherry and Pineapple Salad	
	Chocolate Parfait	Pumpkin Pie
	Potatoes, Hollandaise	
	Mince Pie	

HEAVY BUYING IS TRADE REPORT

Merchants Enjoy Exceptional Pre-Christmas Business

BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Volume Swells in Closing Days; Totals Mount High

Lima merchants queried concerning holiday business this year, compared with the volume for the same period last year, are almost unanimous in expression of the fact that the 1920 pre-Christmas trade exceeded that of 1919.

Of course there are a few exceptions, but not many. But, without exception, merchants are well pleased with the trade they have enjoyed. The buying has run "more toward the sensible, durable things, rather than to non-essentials."

SALES MOUNT HIGH
Lighter goods show the greatest demand in clothing, while in dry goods the trade has been uniformly heavy. In jewelry, the sales average up well, but the purchase of diamonds has not been as heavy as last year. Furniture trade has been heavy and the department stores have been swamped with business.

Reports that have thus far reached me concerning trade conditions generally," said A. C. CaJacob, president of the Merchants' association, "indicate that while in some respects buying has not been as heavy as last year; it measures up well generally and all merchants are well pleased with the holiday business accorded. I believe the general results will equal, if not exceed, the 1919 buying for Christmas."

R. B. Dunn of the Deisel Store states that their toy sales have been double that of last year and that buying has been running more toward substantial gifts. "If today's business comes up to anticipations," Mr. Dunn said, "the Deisel Store will have enjoyed a remarkable holiday trade. Even now the volume of business is far in excess of the same period in 1919. We have had the greatest trade this store has ever enjoyed prior to Christmas. November and December showed heavy increases. For the most part it has been our experience that the best buying was done early."

Jeff Morris, of the Morris Bros. clothing store, in a resume of business conditions, stated Friday that buying has been fine in the clothing line; with them about the same as last year. "In some lines there has been a slight decline," Mr. Morris said, "but fully made up in other directions. Our trade in the past few days has been unusually heavy and the buying has been mostly in the

lighter form of men's wear. Colder weather of the past few days has, however, stimulated buying of heavier wear. Many Christmas presents of sensible wear were purchased this year."

SHOE BUSINESS GREAT
"We've had an excellent Christmas business," Paul Crawford of the Crawford Bootery states. Christmas buying started earlier this year than usual and has measured up well with previous years. "We have enjoyed a wonderful business in the sale of slippers and shoes for Christmas gifts. Business has been consistently steady."

The Leader Store reports business equal to the same period last year, for the holidays. "Toy sales have been bigger than ever," Sylvan Holstine states, "and from the present outlook the month of December will far exceed the same month in 1919 in volume of sales. We are very well pleased."

The R. T. Gregg & Co., store had the biggest pre-Christmas trade in all its history, Mr. Gregg stated Friday. "There has been heavy buying in dry goods and ladies' wear. Every department shows a fine increase over last year," Mr. Gregg said. "Trade has been steady from day to day, no slackening at any time, due to weather or any other agency."

The Management of the Blum store reports an exceptional Christmas trade, better by far this year than last.

"Thursday was a wonderful day with us," is the word from Ellerman clothing store. "And last Saturday was the biggest Saturday we ever had. Our holiday business, as a whole, is the greatest we have ever enjoyed."

Automobile agencies report numerous sales of cars as Christmas gifts, to be delivered Saturday morning, bright and early, at specified street numbers.

Gooding's shoe store reports an excellent business, consistently steady through the fall season, gaining in impetus as winter weather came and as the demand for slippers, shoes, etc., developed for Christmas presents.

JEWELRY BUSINESS
In the jewelry line, Basinger's store reports an excellent trade, comparing favorably in all respects with last year's business.

Hughes & Son state trade has been very good in all departments of the jewelry business. "Trade is encouraging, increasing from day to day to a fine volume as a whole."

J. L. Rose states it is the best year he has had in the jewelry business, the heaviest buying beginning last Saturday and increasing daily until the climax for Christmas business on Friday.

Furniture sales have been heavy, reflecting a prosperous state among the people for the most part. "Our sales have been fine," said P. E. Dundore of the Hoover & Bond store. "Last week was better than the corresponding week last year in sales totals. Last Saturday was a banner day. All thru the present week our conveyances have been busy and on Saturday we'll be rushed in the delivery of Christmas presents. Our business exceeded our most sanguine expectations."

Yuletide Greetings

May we take this opportunity of thanking you for your patronage, of letting you know how very much we appreciate your friendship and in

Wishing You All

A VERY MERRY

CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY AND

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

KIRBY'S

48 PUBLIC SQUARE

A Merry Christmas

May your Yuletide this year be the happiest of all and may the New Year bring much added Happiness and Prosperity.

BASINGER'S

JEWELERS

DIAMOND MERCHANTS

145 N. Main St.

Christmas Dinner

The Norval Hotel

SERVICE FROM 12 TO 2 AND 6 TO 8
\$1.25 per cover.

MENU

BLUE POINT COCKTAIL

CREAM OF CHICKEN, SUPERAINE CONSUMME ROYAL
QUEEN OLIVES SALTED ALMONDS CELERY HEARTS

BAKED RED SNAPPER, Creole
Julienne Potatoes

ROAST RIBS OF PRIME BEEF, Sauce Natural

SNOWFLAKE POTATOES CANDIED SWEET POTATOES
BRUSSELL SPROUTS

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

BRAISED HAUNCH OF VENISON

ROAST YOUNG TURKEY, STUFFED, GIBLET GRAVY
Cranberry Sauce

BLACKSTONE SALAD

HOT MINCE PIE LEMON MERINGUE PIE
ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING, Hard or Fruit Sauce

NEAPOLITAN ICE CREAM
ASSORTED CAKES

AMERICAN CHEESE TOASTED WAFERS

DEMI-TASSE

Merry Christmas

With the Yuletide Greetings, we also take this opportunity of thanking our patrons for their patronage in making this the most successful season we have had.

May this Christmas day be the most joyous of your lives and the New Year one of continued joy, happiness and prosperity.

A Happy New Year

ROSE

JEWELER

OPERA
HOUSE
BLOCK

116
W. HIGH
ST.

GIRL WINS IN NEWS ESSAY CONTEST

Scores of fine essays, all pointing out the many reasons why Lima should have a Community Fund, were received in the Lima News essay contest. The judges, after considerable work, decided that the prize of \$10 in money should go to Alice Killian, 820 E. 1st st. She is a student at South high school and is 14 years old.

Following is her essay:

Lima should support a Community Fund because of its many needs of mercy. "Suppose Nobody Cared," what then would become of the many homeless, helpless and parentless children? The Master says: "The poor ye have always with ye."

When you give to the Community Fund you give to all other mercy societies or if you desire to give to your favorite organization you may do so through the Community Fund.

This system of giving abolishes the frequent giving of small sums to each society. Think of the happy hearts on Christmas as a result of the Community Fund. The starving multitudes of Europe will also be made more comfortable by the helping hand of this fund.

Let us, therefore, help to carry out the work of Him who said: "And whosoever shall give to one of these little ones, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

The following essays were chosen by the judges as being worthy of honorable mention. They are reproduced as written by the students.

MANY REASONS GIVEN

Lima should support the Community Fund, not for one reason but many. First: there are thousands of little children going to bed every night without any food or not enough to satisfy their hunger and only not enough food but clothing as well. Their little frail bodies are exposed to the bitter winds in winter and causing them great suffering. Second: Many of these unfortunate children are without a mother or father or both. To care for themselves. At Christmas time the happiest time of all the year these little children look upon the more unfortunate ones with heavy hearts and tearful eyes wondering why they were mistreated. While the other children tired of their playthings go to a warm downy bed to dream of the lovely playthings. If people would only give part of this to the starved, diseased, and ragged children or provide medical aid for their many pains. There would be many a light heart as to the giver as well as the one given.

Hen Bowers, McKinley School.

CONCERTED ACTION

To live is to do, to do is to be; to be is to love. For a city's people to band themselves together in support of "A Community Fund" is the best possible way to reach the poor and needy.

One individual cannot do much in a material way to help the unfortunate, but where all who love their fellow contribute to a common fund the charitable spirit of the widow with the mite is just as far-reaching as the spirit of the rich who cast in much.

"Charity never faileth; but

WRITES BEST ESSAY ON LIMA COMMUNITY FUND



Miss Alice Killian

Miss Killian, 14, a student at South High School, won The Lima News prize of \$10 for the best essay in the contest on the subject, "Why Should Lima Support a Community Fund?"

whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." Lima needs a "Community Fund" and thus learn to live, do, be and love.

Darrow Roebuck, 952 N. Elizabeth-st.

POOR NEED HELP

Lima has many poor people, some are homeless and other things; suppose nobody cares. The Community Fund is a mother for the fatherless, a brother for the orphan, a helper for the hungry. Somebody cares, but if nobody cares what would Lima be? Lima would have half naked children running on the streets, beggars everywhere, boys robbing and stealing. Could Lima do without the Day Nursery, the Charity Ward in the Hospital and other things necessary. If Lima raises \$100,000 for this fund there will be no poor children without homes—everything will be provided for.

Irvin Fenneman, 121 Nye-st.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED

Suppose nobody cared? What then would happen to the mass of poor people who have no money to buy their food and clothing in time of sickness, and when they are out of work. There is one good remedy for this. That is the Community Fund.

If the citizens of Lima support this fund, as they should, there will be fewer of these so-called "drives" for money for charitable organizations. A citizen soon gets out of pa-

tience after he has been asked a few times to contribute to the fund. A Community Fund takes care of all of this. If this fund goes across, the citizens of Lima will have some peace from being asked every so often and asked to contribute to a certain fund. Many times there are frauds soliciting money and people give to them, not knowing they are being defrauded of their money. After the Community Fund goes over, a citizen will have something queer when a solicitor asks for money for some charitable organization.

Gilson Wright, 701 Center-st.

'CARE FOR THE LITTLE ONES'

"Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto Me."

The babies of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. If they are to be good citizens of Lima, they must be properly fed, clothed and educated.

If Lima has a Community Fund, the charity associations, with the support of the people, will band together to give food and clothing to children whose parents cannot provide these necessities. In time of sickness the Community Fund will also be a benefit.

Are YOU a true citizen of Lima? Do you wish the people of Lima to be intelligent and able-bodied? If so, do your part and help support a Community Fund!

Esther Ridenour, 512 S. Central-ave.

LIVING UP TO SLOGAN

If Lima lives up to her slogan (Lima Leads) she should have a Community Fund. This will enable her to take up all charity work a different charity organizations will be unnecessary.

There are many people in Lima whose incomes are small and in summer it is impossible for them to prepare for the winter, and they must have aid to enable them to have clothing, food and fuel and to be able to keep their children in school. There are also many worthy people who are diseased in different ways. With help these people could have treatment and would soon be capable of caring for themselves again.

With a Community Fund all these needs and many others will be pro-

Given Now Sleeps All Night

Is Ready for Breakfast and Big Day's Work, He Says

"Before I had taken a half bottle of Tanlac I began to straighten right up," said Robert T. Given, 313 Palmer St., Toledo, recently.

"For four years I suffered with stomach trouble so bad everything I ate soured in my stomach. I had heart burn after meals, and cramping pains which almost drew me double."

"Nearly every morning I had sick headache, and when I went to breakfast the sight of the food made me sick, and even when I did force down a little, I often got so nauseated I couldn't retain it."

"I was very restless at night, the least little noise would wake me up and keep me nervous for hours. Mornings I just had to drag myself off to work, and during the day I would tire very easily."

"Nights I was hardly able to get home after leaving the plant, and, as what little sleep I did get didn't rest me, it seemed hardly worth while to go to bed."

"But these troubles are all over now, and I certainly feel grateful to the friend who told me about Tanlac. It has brought me out of a mighty bad fix."

"I have a fine appetite now, and although I am eating just anything I want and as much as I please, nothing hurts me the least bit. I sleep like a log nights, and get up mornings ready for a hearty breakfast and big day's work. I'll tell the world, Tanlac is the medicine for me."

Tanlac is sold in Lima at Hunter's Drug Stores and the leading druggist in every town.—Adv.

vided for. Lima, in supporting this Fund will not only be aiding these people but will be helping herself on to a better future.

Bernadine Wade, 425 S. Jackson-st.

MUST CARE FOR POOR

Every community, in so far as possible, should alleviate suffering and care for its worthy poor. This can best be accomplished by a systematic distribution of all the funds raised for charitable purposes. This does away with a great amount of lost energy and needless duplications.

Team work is what counts. Team work won the great World War; team work put over the various Liberty Loans and team work is what counted most in the activities of the various charitable organizations that sought to lessen the miseries occasioned by the war.

Hap-hazard methods never won a battle, much less a war, nor will hap-hazard methods be any more successful in the distribution of the funds intended for charitable pur-

poses. The "Community Fund System" will prove a great convenience for those who wish to contribute to their wealth or earnings for the promotion of the activities of charitable institutions. Centralized effort will, no doubt, come nearer accomplishing the desired end than the individual efforts of a number of organizations which do not work in harmony.

Howard R. Craig, 732 Atlantic-ave.

PREVENTS DISEASE

Lima should have a Community Fund that she may more efficiently care for her worthy poor. Many people, thru illness or misfortune, find themselves without support and should be taken care of by the city. Indeed, it is to the city's advantage to do this because poverty creates such things do not tend toward good disease, discontent, and crime, and such things do not tend toward good citizenship. Better conditions, better citizens.

If one hundred thousand dollars is raised, all charities will be taken care of for the year, thus doing away with constant soliciting for many organizations.

The fund will be in charge of a central committee to whom all calls of help must be referred, thus making it impossible for any dishonest

person to receive charity from various organizations at the same time, as can be done under present methods.

Contribute liberally and know the joy of helping others.

Wilma Tomlinson, R. D. No. 9, Lima.

CARES FOR ORPHAN

Lima should support a Community Fund because a good progressive city like Lima has a large number of poor families that need care. And unless somebody cares there will be many people suffer and there will be many deaths among these people. Lima should have someone who cares and then the city should mother the motherless, father the fatherless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and warm those that are without homes and are dying from cold and hunger. There are hundreds of people who are sick and need operations but are too poor and cannot pay for these things. There are thousands of children who have no parents and there are children that will have no happy Christmas and at that time be crying for food, clothing and fuel. These need help and if no one cares they will perish.

Roena Spyker, 518 W. Eureka-st.

PREVENTS DUPLICATIONS

The cause of love and charity, the cause of the poor, the weak, the unhappy, the sweet mission of love and tenderness and peace and good will toward men should be uppermost in our minds.

The Lima Community Fund Drive is for the benefit of local charitable organizations which need this cause.

This Drive will avoid all duplications of work and in making one drive, it will cost much less than making various drives.

In union there is strength and by co-operation and organizing efficiently we can spread Christmas cheer to the unfortunate, the poor, the sick and the needy of the city.

Thousands of soldiers died for an ideal "Vision of Brotherhood." Do not let this vision die with them. It is the sacred duty of all to give— young and old, large and small— all should give his mite, for is it not true that "The bad man's gold feeds the widow and fatherless as well as the good man's?"

So as Lincoln says, with mailed toward now, with charity for all, with firmness, in the right, as God gives us to see the right. Let us finish the work we are in.

Helen Sutter, 886 W. Spring-st.

9th Christmas Savings Club

Isn't the

Christmas Spirit

a wonderful thing?

A TIME, above all times, when it is good to live— when the God given impulses of generosity and kindness melt the veneer of human selfishness, and warms the world with the Divine glow of the Christmas Spirit.

A Merry Christmas to you—a Very Merry Christmas—and we say it with all our hearts. May the cup of your Holiday Happiness be filled to overflowing.

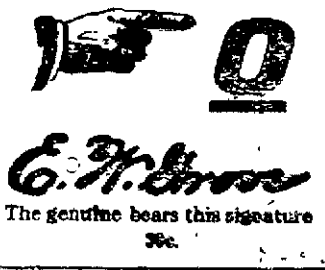
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To All

To all of our many friends and patrons we extend to your our most hearty wishes for a

Merry Xmas

Schneider & Davis

"The Hallmark Store"

KICKS CENTER IN AUDITOR OFFICE

Objections to Higher Taxes and Dog Licenses Heard

Many folks call at the county auditor or the county treasurer because their taxes are higher this year than last.

"I was just over to the office of the county treasurer to pay my taxes and I know there's something wrong, because it's just twice as much as last year," said an excited woman as she swept into the auditor's office at the court house.

"Well, see," said the accommodating auditor, as he dragged an imposing looking record out of a wall rack. After an examination that required only a few moments, the auditor said: "The treasurer's figures are correct." The woman tax payer was reminded that the people of the county, by a decisive vote, ordered an extra levy of two mills for good roads and that the state legislature very accommodatingly tacked on an additional tax for school purposes to make up an additional \$2.50 which, added to the \$2 imposed by the people of the county themselves for roads, make a total of \$4.50 additional on each \$1,000 of tax valuation.

"I'm going back on you, because my taxes are so high," was the salutation hurled at Auditor Phillips by a farmer from the eastern part of the county as he hurried into the office before the auditor had succeeded in satisfying the woman complainant that he was personally not blamable for the high tax rate.

Then he had the job of explanation, to do all over again. "Ain't it fierce?" said this farmer. "Our taxes get higher and higher all the time. Where it's going to end, I don't know. But, I suppose I'll have to pay."

"That's an every-day occurrence," said the auditor, "several times a day since tax paying has been on. Sometimes they come in as mad as hornets but they go away satisfied after getting the explanation we feel they have coming to them. There are some folks, too, who seem to cling to the idea that it is the fault of the county officials that they are required to make application for a license tag for their dog. Our office is not only the clearing house of the county financial and book-keeping requirements, but likewise it is the place where folks are registered and where explanations must be made. But that's part of our work and we are always glad to straighten out misunderstandings."

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—

TRADE CHANNEL FOR U. S. SEEN

Opportunities in Spain Pointed Out by Commissioner

WASHINGTON.—(By Associated Press.)—Opportunities for trade with Spain are called to the attention of American business men in a report just made to the department of commerce by Trade Commissioner Arthur Young, dealing with Spanish finances and trade conditions. Spain, Mr. Young said, is the only European nation with a balance of trade in its favor as a result of the war and has a surplus sufficient to pay cash for American goods.

Spain's place of trade at the close of the war, Mr. Young said was \$772,000,000 and the condition of the entire country is prosperous. This was largely due, he explained, to the fact that Spain, the only large European neutral, was able to export goods to the warring nations and received cash for its products while at the same time withstanding any ill effect from curtailment of imports. As a striking feature of the Spanish financial situation during the war, the commissioner pointed out that Spain even extended a credit of \$30,000,000 to the United States. By curtailing loans just after the signing of the armistice, he further said, Spain was able to retain the large trade balance obtained during the war and at the same time protect its big war loans.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF CO. C. 3RD INF. O. N. G.

All clothing and equipment will be checked Dec. 25th, 26th, and 27th. Armory will be open on these dates from noon until four p. m. This must be done on these dates or your equipment will be charged to you.

By Order of Clare G. Stout, Capt. Co. C. 3rd Inf.

10 BEST BETS FOR CABINET HARDING'S FRIENDS WOULD PICK THESE

STATE	State and Treasury Portfolio Only Ones in Doubt, Many Believe	POSTMASTER GENERAL
 DAVID JAYNE HILL TREASURY	 WILL HAYS INTERIOR	
 FRANK VANDERLIP ATTORNEY GENERAL	 GEORGE SUTHERLAND LABOR	
 HARRY M. DAUGHERTY WAR	 JOHN I. NOLAN COMMERCE	
 MAJ. GEN. LEONARD WOOD NAVY	 HERBERT HOOVER AGRICULTURE	
 JOHN W. WEEKS BRAZIL-BELGIUM TRADE TREATY IS COMPLETED	 HENRY WALLACE	

BRAZIL-BELGIUM TRADE TREATY IS COMPLETED

WASHINGTON.—A commercial treaty between Brazil and Belgium has been completed whereby credit amounting to \$14,250,000 is opened to the Belgian government at the Bank of Brazil Assistant Trade Commissioner L. M. Campbell, has called the department of commerce from Rio de Janeiro.

Belgium agrees to return purchases to the account of Brazil at Brussels at the prevailing rate of exchange.

Likewise Brazil agrees to purchase Belgium products and credit the amount to the Belgian account in Rio.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—

NOVELDA & LA TISONA CIGARS are the choicest selections for an ideal Xmas gift

DISAGREEMENT SEEN IN "NICKY" ARNSTEIN CASE

WASHINGTON.—Predictions of a disagreement were general Friday when the jury in the case of Nicky Arnstein and three others, on trial in the District of Columbia supreme court, charged with conspiring to bring into the District securities involved in the \$5,000,000 Wall-st bond theft a year ago, met to resume deliberations. After failing to reach a verdict when it had been out nearly seven hours yesterday, the jury was locked up for the night.

It was understood that Justice Gould presiding in the case planned to dismiss the jury if it failed to reach a verdict by tonight.

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NOT GUILTY IS PLEA MADE BY JOHN LAMPY

YAN WERT.—(Special) John Lampy, 51, Mercer-co farmer, ple. 1, of not guilty to the charge of first degree murder of George Decamp.

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55, when arraigned before Sam Gilpin, for preliminary hearing. The hearing was resumed Friday.

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Pepto-Mangan Builds Up Energy That Fatigue Destroys

When you overwork, worry and strain, your system has extra work to do. If you keep it up very long, your blood simply cannot take care of all the waste. It becomes clogged with poisons.

You keep on working just the same. But when your blood becomes weakened your vitality lowers. You find it a burden to get things done. Your speed lags. You begin to feel "all in."

Then is the time to take that splendid tonic, Pepto-Mangan. Your blood needs enriching. Physicians recommend Pepto-Mangan because it builds red corpuscles and makes your blood rich and red. It cleans out all the poisons. You begin to feel better and stronger right away. It is much easier to get work done. You have renewed vitality.

Pepto-Mangan is sold in liquid and tablet form. The medicinal value is exactly the same. Take either kind you prefer. But be sure you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan—the name "Gude's" should be on the package.—Advertisement.

May the Christmas Tide bear you the highest level of your desire and the eb-bing year leave you upon the golden shores of prosperity and happiness.

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A Merry Christmas
and a
BRIM-FULL PROSPERITY
for the
NEW YEAR

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To make well and to trade fairly. To profit not always in dollars but in the good will of those with whom we deal. To correct our errors. To improve our opportunities and to rear from the daily work a structure which shall be known for all that's best in business.

Gratefully and cheerfully yours with Best Wishes and A Christmas Handshake.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

WEINFELD'S FAULTLESS
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Merry Christmas To All

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SERMON ON XMAS.

Stevenson's Sermon on Greatest of All Holidays

To be honest, to be kind—in earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look in such an enterprise to be successful.

There is indeed one element in human destiny that not blindness itself can controvert: whatever else we are intended to do, we are not intended to succeed: failure is the fate allotted. It is so in every art and study, it is so above all the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life. Only self-deception will be satisfied, and there need be no despair for the despondent. —Robert Louis Stevenson.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES— STREET CAR FARE BOOST FACED BY CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND — Another raise in street car fares within two months, is in prospect for Cleveland, John J. Stanley, president of the street railway company, predicted Friday. Fares rose from five to six cents, with nine tickets for 50 cents on November 14.

The Taylor grant, under which the street railway is operated here, specifies a raise in fares whenever the interest fund falls below \$300,000 and an automatic reduction when the fund rises above that figure. Stanley said the fund has dropped to \$29,157.

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A Merry, Merry
Christmas

and a Prosperous and

Happy New Year

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Join Now in
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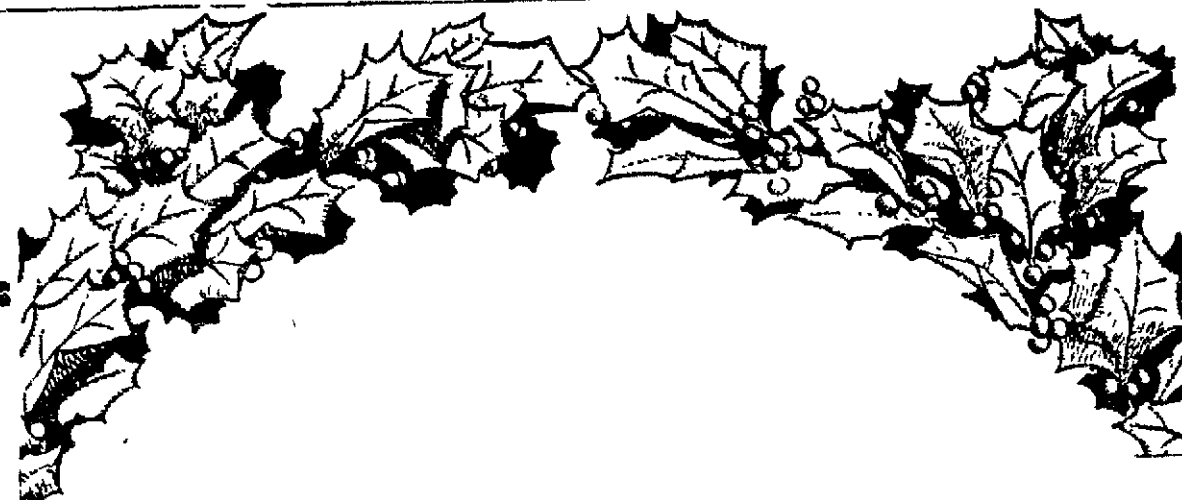
And of All Your
Lives the Most

Prosperous and
Happy New Year

• And in the exchange of this greeting to thank you for your Liberal Patronage.

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297 STORES

21-22 PUBLIC SQUARE



OUR SINCERE GREETINGS

To all our friends and patrons we wish
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Management and
Employees of—

ALWAYS IN THE LEAD
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THE STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME



A Christmas Present

to the

Children's Home

from the

Lyric Theatre

The Lima Amusement Co.
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THE AMERICAN BANK
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Allen County Children's Home \$50.00
EXACTLY FIFTY DOLLARS
The Lima Amusement Co.
By Harry Chakeres
DOLLARS
Treasurer

The above check is a fascimile of the one mailed yesterday to the Children's Home by Harry Chakeres of the Lyric Theatre

THIS DONATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE LYRIC'S SUBSCRIPTION to the COMMUNITY FUND

DEATH UTTERANCE MAY BE USED

Kagy's Dying Words Expected to
be Offered for McGannon

CLEVELAND. — (By Associated Press.)—The first defense witness to take the stand in the second degree murder trial of Judge William H. McGannon for the slaying of Harold C. Kagy, was Detective Charles Cavola, who, with Detective Harry Brown, had been assigned to assist County Prosecutor Baskin in carrying the state's case against McGannon. Cavola was called by the defense in an effort to disprove the testimony of Andrew Hall, a state witness, who testified that Judge McGannon was the "third man" present at the shooting. Cavola's testimony was abruptly ended when he admitted reading the testimony of Detective Brown, who Thursday testified he had told defense attorneys evidence gathered in the prosecutor's office and inconsistencies in testimony given by state witnesses.

I. W. Fountain, connected with a private detective agency was the second witness called.

It is expected the defense today will attempt to reduce the dying statement of Kagy in which he said John W. Joyce fired the death shot thru the testimony of Police Inspector Charles Sterling. A jury recently acquitted Joyce of the shooting.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— DEATH OF FARMER FOLLOWS OPERATION

George A. Wagner, 52, farmer, residing seven miles southeast of Wapakoneta, died Thursday at St. Rita's hospital, following an operation more than a week ago for liver and appendix trouble. The widow and five children survive. They are Ethel, Urban, Mary, Romy and Arletta Wagner, all residing at the family home. He was a member of St. John's Catholic church, Fryburg, where funeral services will be held, at a time not announced.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—
"Y. W." ANNUAL ELECTION
January 7th is the date of the annual membership meeting of Y. W. O. A. Dinner will be served at 8:30 P. M. for a small fee. All desiring to attend should make reservations before January 4th, by calling Main 6776. Annual election of board members will take place. Mrs. Clem Baxter will have charge of the music.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—
AMBULANCE REMOVALS
CITY UNDERTAKING CO.: John Zaczek, 74 Arch-ave to City hospital. Mrs. A. E. Hammons, City hospital to 302 S. West-st.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—
SIFBERD: Miss Webb, St. Rita's hospital to 314 E. Second-st.

LOGICAL ADVICE!

Strike at the root of weakness is logical advice to those run-down in vitality.

Scott's Emulsion

nourishes the body, tones the blood and helps build strength.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS To You All

Federal SYSTEM OF BAKERIES

126 W. MARKET ST.

SANTA CLAUS, GIFT TREE N' EVERYTHING, AT "Y" CHRISTMAS MORNING

Santa Claus is going to have a merry time for himself when he starts distributing gifts to the hundred dormitory men at the Y. M. C. A.

Secretary Bradshaw assures every resident in the "Y" building that there will be a Christmas tree in the lobby and that each man should hang a gift on the tree for a "dorm buddy," so that there will be plenty of presents to go 'round.

All "Y" residents will meet at the tree Christmas morning at 9 o'clock when Santa will be there to give the men their gifts.

No basket ball games of the church league will be played Saturday night.

New Year's day open house will be observed with the "Y. W." girls as guests.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— FARMERS GIVE SACK OF WHEAT TO RELIEF FUND

SPOKANE, Wash.—A campaign among members of the Washington Farmers' Union to secure a donation of a sack of wheat from each member for European children's relief was announced Friday by A. D. Cross, secretary of the organization. He said the wheat would be collected by local unions and shipped to the coast, where it would be exchanged for flour. He estimated that 10,000 bushels of wheat would be donated.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— TAKEN FOR LOITERING

Charles McNally, 44, no home, was arrested Thursday night by Detective Short in the D. T. & I. yards. He was held for a hearing on a charge of loitering, in justice court.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— INJURED AT REFINERY

Thomas McElwec, 50, negro, still cleaner at the Solar refinery, fell from a scaffold, while at his work Friday morning, and suffered minor cuts and bruises. He was removed to his home in the rear of 547 W. Elm-st. in the Williams and Davis ambulance.

A Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

The When Store

TAFT FLAYS FORD

Manufacturer Attacked For Attitude Toward Jews

CHICAGO. — (By United Press.)—Doelie William Howard Taft, former president, flayed Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, here Thursday night, for the latter's attack on Jews, which have been appearing in Ford's weekly publication.

Taft said statements in Ford's paper that the Jews are trying to gain control of the world, are false. In pointing out the fallacy of the statement the Jews are the leading capitalists and international bankers of the world, Taft cited that more than half of the 12,000,000 Jews in the world are still suffering not only persecution at oppression, but the bitterest penury and starvation.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— G. E. DAVIS FUNERAL

Funeral services for George E. Davis, 65, will be held Christmas day at 10 o'clock, at the home of his brother, Thomas E. Davis, 1147 W. North-st, where he died. Interment will be at Gomer.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— OPEN ON CHRISTMAS

"Y. W." rooms will be opened Christmas day from 3 to 5 in the afternoon for any of the girls who desire to go there.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED— FOREIGN CREDIT URGED

WASHINGTON — Extension of credits to foreign governments able to pay for American farm products was advocated Friday by James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, at a joint meeting of the senate agriculture and banking committees. He suggested that the war finance corporation be made the agency for the extension of such credits and mentioned Germany and Russia as particular countries desiring to buy American products.

GIRL'S STOCKINGS ARE FILED WITH PAIR OF LEGS BY SANTA CLAUS

CHICAGO—Santa Claus has filled Ruth Gordon's stockings with a pair of legs.

Miss Gordon, famed as the "baby-

talk lady" in Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" is speedily recovering in a local hospital here, after having both legs broken so she would no longer be bow-legged.

"Oh, but it hurt," said Miss Gordon at the hospital Friday. "But it didn't hurt nearly as much as it does to receive visitors in this night-


to I am wearing," the beautiful star alluded to the outfit flannel hospital garment she was wearing.

Let Miss Gordon tell why she did it.

"I was walking in a State-st department store and saw a pair of legs coming toward me in the mirror. They were so funny that I

laughed and when I got close— they were mine."

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED—
COLUMBUS — The House committee of the Arizona Legislature has passed an appeal to state legislators for a bonus of \$10 per month for each month in service, with a maximum payment of \$250.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL


—Your Christmas Envelope

- what does your money mean to you? It's full of possibilities for those who will take advantage of the opportunity.
- who will get your money? Yes, you get it—but what happens to it? In other words, to speak plainly, what do you have left besides the envelope?
- the answer is up to you, and depends upon whether you are a spendthrift or a saver.
- you can save money if you want to. It's a question of saving it for yourself, or letting it slip through your fingers for someone else to save.
- if you don't care what happens in the future—if you don't care to look ahead and think of old age or possible sickness or lack of work—if you don't care what happens—then you probably don't care about saving, BUT
- if you don't want to be up against it—if you want to have an income that you don't work for—if you want to turn the tables and make money work for you instead of you everlastingly working for money—if you want to start on the road to comfort and security
- SAVE. Save regularly—every pay day put something in the Savings Account.
- you can start with any amount—even as little as one dollar—and your savings will work 24 hours a day earning 5% interest for you.

Make this place your depository NOW

The Allen County Savings & Loan Co.

SAVINGS BUILDING
CORNER MARKET & ELIZABETH STREETS



Your Christmas Dinner

NANKIN'S

A Delightfully Home-like Place to Eat

Table De Hote Dinner
Per Plate \$1.25

Excellent service with deliciously prepared foods. Bring the family and your friends.

NANKIN'S
206½ North Main St. Up Stairs

Send it to the Laundry


Greetings

Sent in friendly appreciation of your business during the past year and with best of wishes for a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year


THE SHOOK LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO

GARFORD



Wishing you and yours a hearty Merry Christmas—a prosperous and successful New Year.

THE GARFORD MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY



TRUCKS

CASE IN HANDS OF GOD, NEGRO SAYS

Cincinnati Man, Sentenced to Die July 6, 1919, Still Lives

EXECUTION STAYED 4 TIMES

Convicted of Killing Policeman in August, 1918

COLUMBUS — (By Associated Press)—For almost 18 months, Ludi Clifford Shelton, 25 years old, Cincinnati negro, convicted of first degree murder for the killing of Merchant Patrolman Dieters in Cincinnati the night of August 28, 1918, has waited in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary to step thru the little green door that leads to the electric chair and death.

Four times Shelton got ready to

expiate his alleged crime. Each time the hands of justice held him back from setting foot in the death chamber.

According to penitentiary officials there is no more indication today of final settlement of his case, than when he entered the annex April 8, 1919, under sentence to die July 6, 1919.

Four days stays of execution have been granted Shelton. After the first stay, Frank Howell, secretary to Warden Thomas said, Shelton wanted to be electrocuted, "whether or no." He has resigned himself now, Howell said, and is looking forward somewhat philosophically to the time when his life will be snuffed out.

"My case is in the hands of oGd," Shelton said. "When He says 'go,' of course I must go."

The accused man has seen seven men step from the annex to the death chamber and oblivion, since his confinement. The terrible mental strain has left its impress on his mental and physical condition, altho he says his "case is in the hands of God."

Shelton asserts Dieters was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver that he (Shelton) pulled

from his pocket.

Shelton's case is in the Ohio supreme court now for final disposition.

GOOD SHOWING MADE

Allen-co had six exhibitors at the Ohio State fair last August, according to a bulletin just issued. That number was awarded premiums amounting to \$321. Allen-co, with her small number of exhibitors, made a good showing officials declare.

NOVELDA & LA TISONA CIGARS are the choicest selections for an ideal Xmas gift

CHURCH IS FIRED BY OVERHEATED WHISKEY STILL IN BASEMENT

HANFORD, Washn. — Fire which broke out in a church of Hanford Thursday was declared by deputy sheriffs Friday to have been caused by an overheated whiskey still which was in full operation in the basement. The basement was rented by J. H. Brooks, a butcher, for whom a warrant has been issued on a charge of operating a still. The church was not badly damaged by the fire.

YOU DON'T SPELL IT. JUST INHALE IT.

DENVER — "Zigmund Mik" — Police Magistrate Bray hesitated. "Zigmund Mik" — but the Judge couldn't make it, so announced that anyone in the courtroom who spelled his name "Mikoclozozeloski" might step forward. Mikoclozozeloski arose and pronounced the name, but no one could repeat it after him. He was placed under bonds for appearance in the Criminal Court on a charge of grand larceny.

Our Christmas Card

"May This Be the Merriest
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
Is Our Sincere Wish
To All Our Friends"

204
WEST
MARKET
ST.

The
Jolly
MANN
Store

SAVINGS
PLACE
LIMA,
OHIO

Kind remembrances and best wishes for a
very Merry Christmas and a happy
New Year

The
Windsor Jewelry
Company

Christmas

The Season's Greetings--

A MERRY
CHRISTMAS

and a

Happy New Year

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N. E. Corner Public Square

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Lay or Bust Dry Mash.....

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Purina Chicken Chowder.....

Good Clean White Oats

Blatchford's Egg Mash.....

Wheat or Oats Straw 85c per bale

Laymore Scratch Feed

Mixed Timothy Hay

Purina Scratch Feed

Pure Buckwheat Flour 7c per lb.

Best Ear Corn.....

New Yellow Corn Meal 5c per lb.

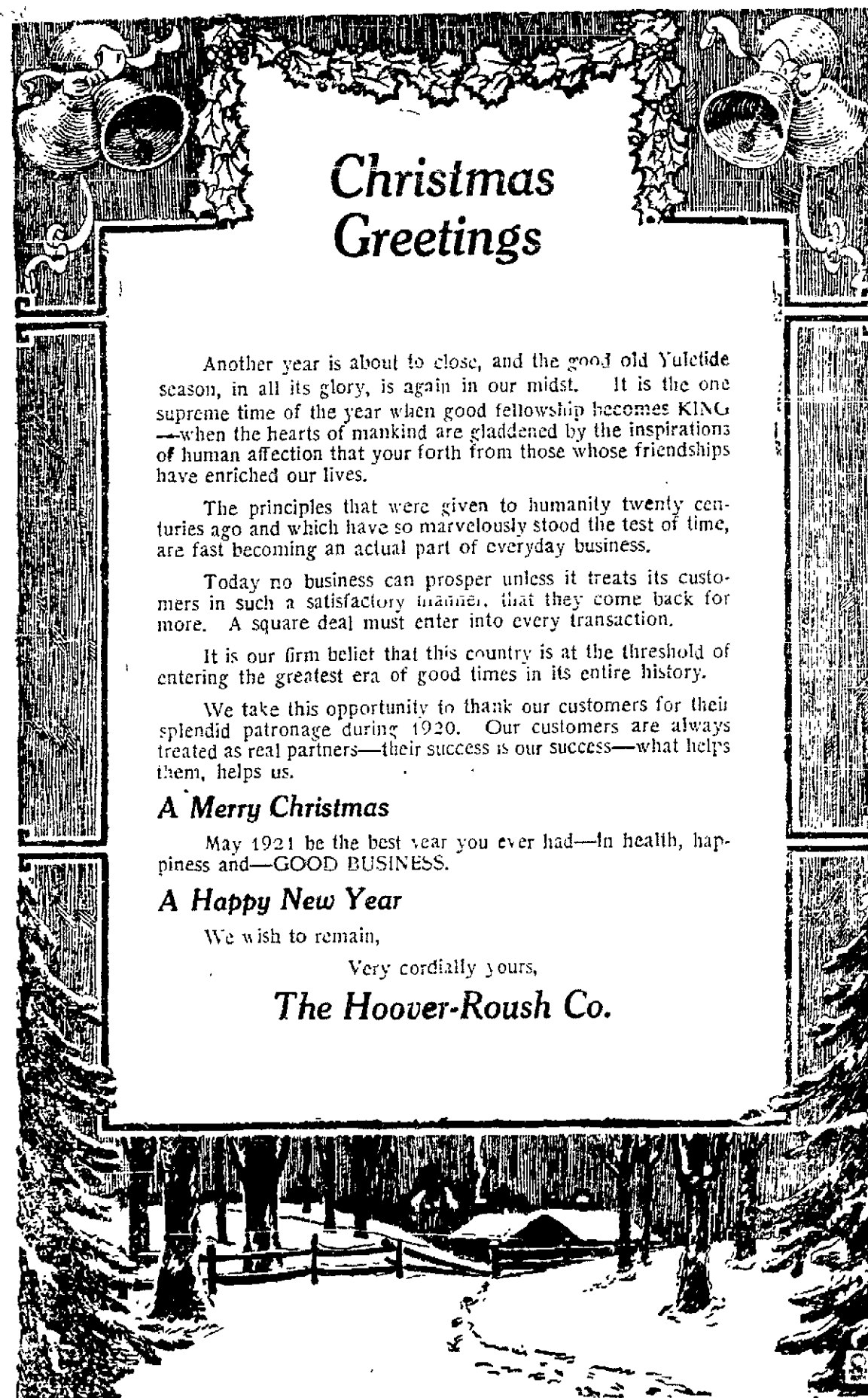
Best Shelled Corn.....

Darlings or Swifts Meat Scraps

Cracked Corn

Darling's Tankage \$4.75 per cwt.

above prices are delivered, for less than 100 lb. bags 10c extra is added. We also carry a full line of Poultry and Stock remedies.



Christmas Greetings

Another year is about to close, and the good old Yuletide season, in all its glory, is again in our midst. It is the one supreme time of the year when good fellowship becomes KING—when the hearts of mankind are gladdened by the inspirations of human affection that your forth from those whose friendships have enriched our lives.

The principles that were given to humanity twenty centuries ago and which have so marvelously stood the test of time, are fast becoming an actual part of everyday business.

Today no business can prosper unless it treats its customers in such a satisfactory manner, that they come back for more. A square deal must enter into every transaction.

It is our firm belief that this country is at the threshold of entering the greatest era of good times in its entire history.

We take this opportunity to thank our customers for their splendid patronage during 1920. Our customers are always treated as real partners—their success is our success—what helps them, helps us.

A Merry Christmas
May 1921 be the best year you ever had—In health, happiness and—GOOD BUSINESS.

A Happy New Year
We wish to remain,
Very cordially yours,
The Hoover-Roush Co.

Merry, Merry
Christmas

and a
Happy and Prosperous

New Year

Royal Boot Shop

CORNER MAIN AND HIGH STREETS

We Treat You Royal

We thank you for your very
generous patronage and
Wish You

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

THE
PALACE of SWEETS
208 NORTH MAIN STREET

We extend our most hearty
wishes for a very

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

to our friends and patrons
who have made possible the
success of the

Household Electric Co.

112 S. ELIZABETH ST.

THE BEST
at no more than you pay for ordinary goods!
BUCKEYE

Hops — Malt Extract

Families in this vicinity have been buying Buckeye for years because they know the quality is safe. They know also that our iron-clad guarantee offers absolute protection should any dissatisfaction arise.

If your Dealer hasn't it he can get it from

THE BURGER BROS.

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By mail, out of the city one year \$5 My carrier 15c per week.

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ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE CANNOT BUY TWO WORDS IN THESE COLUMNS
OPEN LETTERS

To My Friends

MY sincere wish is that each and every one of you will have the merriest Christmas you have ever enjoyed and that the New Year will bring you countless blessings, including prosperity and the best of health.

LIMA BEANE.

To the Public

THIS will be my last appeal to you to be generous tomorrow in giving to fill my Community Chest. I have told you repeatedly why I need it and I believe you understand. My last plea is that you consider the unfortunate people in your midst whom I will assist from this chest. It will mean bread and life to them and will represent the feeling of duty you have in assisting your poorer brothers and sisters. GIVE GENEROUSLY!

LIMA BEANE.

To Those Using Christmas Decorations

MY advice to you is that you use care in placing your Christmas decorations in order that the great holiday will not be marred by a costly fire. The custom of using candles for illumination is general in this country, but it has resulted in many sad cases on the greatest of all holidays. When you place your Christmas candles be sure that they are not near inflammable objects.

LIMA BEANE.

To Postmaster J. E. Sullivan

DEAR JIM: This note came in my mail this morning:

"Please write an open letter to the one who has charge of the pens and ink at the post-office. Jevver try to use 'em?—R. H." Jim, I can sympathize with R. H. If I didn't like you so well I'd say that I should like to see you sentenced to write your next report to Burleson with the pens you provide for the public.

LIMA BEANE.

To J. H. McClure, Vice President, Ohio Electric

DEAR MAC: I have heard considerable complaint about your street cars not stopping in the center of exceptionally long blocks. There are many such along your lines. Winter is here, Mac, and I believe it would be a good idea to look over the various routes and see if a few new stops could be arranged which would prevent patrons from walking so far to get a car. I know many will appreciate this favor.

LIMA BEANE.

To John D. Rockefeller

DEAR JOHN: The price of gasoline recently was reduced 6 cents a gallon in England "because of overproduction in the United States." The Standard Oil of New Jersey made a cut some time ago, but in Ohio the price is the same. This state is as near the wells and refineries as England, John.

LIMA BEANE.

To Automobile Owners

YOU may secure your 1921 license tags now. There will be no excuse for you driving your car without them. Please attend to this matter.

LIMA BEANE.

To George Metheany, Manager Lima Telephone and Telegraph Co.

DEAR GEORGE: The directories you formerly published contained in the back pages a list of all numbers together with the names of subscribers to whom the numbers belonged. You discontinued this some time ago and I miss it. I presume there was a good reason for dropping the list, but if you can ever see your way clear to include it again I will appreciate it.

LIMA BEANE.

To Warren C. Harding

DEAR WARRIE: You will not be able to please everyone in the appointment of your cabinet. It is useless to try. I realize that this is one of the biggest tasks you will have in 1921 and I am hoping you will put men at the various posts who will come up to your expectation and that of the general public.

Pick big men, men fitted for the place they are to hold rather than men who are able to swing votes here and there. You have a trying period ahead and will appreciate the necessity of being surrounded by business men when you become entangled in the mass of work you have to do. Politicians can run an election but business judgment is needed in running the government.

LIMA BEANE.

To Those Who Insist on "Christmas Cheer"

MY FRIENDS: One year ago hundreds of persons were poisoned, many died and many more were permanently blinded because of their thirst. Unscrupulous persons sold deadly poisons as drinks with a "kick." That should be a lesson to you. 'Tis far better, in my estimation, to struggle along without your Tom and Jerry and bottle of hooch than to clutter up the cemeteries and homes for the blind. Beware the 'legger!

LIMA BEANE.

To Chief of Police Roush

DEAR JAKE: Your traffic cops are at a disadvantage at the busy corners when traffic is heavy because it is impossible for drivers of machines to see the "go" and "stop" signal. Much time is lost in getting traffic moving because of this.

Why not buy suitable whistles for the men on duty at these corners? They are used to advantage in larger cities. I presume they cost very little and would make nice Christmas presents for they would help prevent the officers losing their temper and keep drivers in a better humor.

LIMA BEANE.

To City Council

GENTLEMEN: Resignations and vacancies in your honorable body have been common during the last year. Many new faces are seen there. I do not know whether there will be any others during the coming twelve months, but if there is, why not appoint a woman? It would be a fine compliment to this new branch of the voting power in Lima and would please me very much.

LIMA BEANE.

To Wives and Sweethearts

DEAR NIECES: If he takes his life in his hands and smokes the cigars you gave him for Christmas around the house, do not complain. I know it will be unpleasant if the weeds you bought were of the usual variety but you will suffer no more than he.

LIMA BEANE.

To Mayor F. A. Burkhardt

DEAR FRANK: There is considerable talk about the repair of my streets now. This is always the case at this time of year, but preparations are put off year after year and little is done. Let's have something besides talk next year, Frank.

LIMA BEANE.

To Property Owners

FRIENDS: I fear that one of my legs will grow longer than the other if I am forced to walk along slanting sidewalks in front of property owned by many of you much longer. It is necessary for me to do the mountain goat act some of them are so uneven. Why not replace them with new ones?

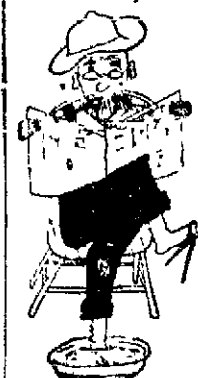
LIMA BEANE.

To Service Director McClain

DEAR MAC: I have noticed that curbs in various places in my streets are broken and crumbling away. These should be repaired as soon as weather will permit.

LIMA BEANE.

AS YOU LIKE IT



OLD SCISSORS SAYS:
Opportunity knocks but once at man's door, but there's no city ordinance to prevent a man kicking open Opportunity's door whenever he desires.

Altho prohibition is here, still we have in Lima a few who might with perfect propriety decide on January 1 to climb onto the water wagon.

Most everybody is wanting to do something for the farmer, but what about the city flat dweller, who makes assured the success of the farmer?

"Obedience to law or anarchy," John Kramer says, "rather than prohibition or not prohibition." Will someone kindly explain which will be the worst?

A lotta Lima people agree with Sis Hopkins who "don't believe in doin' nothing for nobody what don't do nothin' for me."

If Charlie gets into the cabinet, maybe he will Schwab off the decks of the shipping board.

The electoral college, may heaven be praised, has no yell.

The new international problem is as slippery as Greece.

Buy her another handbag this year.

Lima is boasting of a brand of liquor sufficiently powerful to drive a motorcycle, but there are brands in New York sufficiently powerful to bring a patrol wagon fifteen blocks at high speed.

Cargo of five thousand cases of champagne has been started from France for New York for "medicinal purposes," and it beats all how much sickness there is.

Department of agriculture announces a bumper crop of nuts. Looking around us, we believe it.

A Wichita man dropped into a movie theater the other night to see the popular film entitled "Behold My Wife," says the Kansas City Star, and the first thing the man beheld was his own wife sitting in the balcony escorted by another man. The plot then rapidly developed into a thriller, ending happily with both principals landing in police court.

HEALTH HINTS

By William Brady, M. D.

THE TREATMENT OF MIGRAINE

The nature of migraine was described in the two preceding articles of this series, head periodic sick headaches are not neuritis, not ordinary headache, but "biliousness" (whatever that may be) and not caused by upset stomach, as far too many victims imagine.

One subject to migraine or even ordinary headaches risks much in taking powders or tablets whose pain-relieving power depends upon the acetanilide, phenacetin, antipyrin, antifebrin, acetophenetidin, phenylacetamide, acetylsalicylic acid, or aspirin contained. Whoever falls into the habit of taking such drugs regularly or frequently for the relief of pain or distress is making a grave mistake, for each and every one of them, tho a quick enough pain killer, as also a poison in the sense that it depresses the heart and causes more or less destruction of red corpuscles and seriously interferes with the oxygen-carrying function of the blood. Many a deplorable breakdown in health is directly due to the abuse of these too readily obtained analgesic drugs, and many a life has been tragically ended by unanticipated poisoning by such coal-tar derivatives. No one should ever take even a small dose of such a drug unless he remains at rest for several hours after the dose is taken. Instead of carte blanche to dispense such poisons, such subtle poisons indiscriminately, and even with an unblushing "guaranty" of their harmlessness, as the sample purchaser imagines, druggists and nostrum exploiters should be permitted to sell such drugs only under the strictest supervision, such as that which applies to the sale of morphine. Yet there is positively no restriction placed upon the indiscriminate sale and distribution of any of the poisons named and practically every alleged "cold cure," "neuritis relief," "headache tablet or powder," "migraine remedy," "grip remedy" or "anti-pain" pill on the market contains more or less of some coal-tar analgesic drug. All "guaranteed," "100" it is a big business—if the public doesn't wake up.

At the beginning of a migraine attack the face is pale and the surface cold. At this time no other treatment is better than a hot mustard foot bath administered to the patient in bed; or, in lieu of that, plenty of warmth applied to the patient in bed, with or without a cold cloth on the face or head, as the patient prefers. Quiet, darkness of the room, and perhaps a bottle of citrate of magnesia or an equivalent saline laxative, such as a tablespoonful of epsom salts taken in effervescent lemonade (lemonade to which a good pinch of saleratus is added just before the dose is administered). Gentle rubbing of the forehead or face with a little camphor or a solution of ten grains of menthol in an ounce of alcohol or a menthol ointment known as the analgesic balm.

If any pain relieving or nerve-soothing drug is to be employed at all in migraine it will be by and with the direction of the family physician if the patient is wise.

Miss Dorothy Kleinberger
Violin Instructor
Special attention given to all pupils.
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WHAT THE STARS PREDICT

The evening hours of this day are lucky.

This is a doubtful day. Women are especially fortunate under this rule, which gives the energy, sympathy and enthusiasm.

A slight, but not serious period of decline in the publishing business is foretold.

Persons whose birthday this is, should guard against financial losses, but may experience an unlooked-for benefit.

Children born today will know many ups and downs. Romantic careers are foretold for the girls.

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ABE MARTIN



President-elect Hardin having his photo taken with a fish sort of bears out President Wilson's contention that the G. O. P. hasn't had a new idea in thirty years. Credit talks louder'n money.

THE WORLD'S BEST
INVESTMENT-
DIAMONDS

SEE
SCHNEIDER
& DAVIS
DISPLAY FOR
XMAS
JEWELRY
GIFTS

YOUR NAME

RAINNES

BY PHILIP FRANCIS NOWLAN

VARIATIONS — Raines, Raynes, Reines.

RACIAL ORIGIN — English.

SOURCE — A LOCALITY.

Here is a group of family names the source of which is not at first recognizable because the spelling of the source has been changed since the names developed from it. There is an entry in the records of certain medieval guilds in England referring to "mercerie, canevas, coussines, rustiane, chalons, draps du Reynes and draps de soya."

Those who recognize their modern French will recognize the word "draps" as cloth, and the "soya" as the modern "soie," or silk.

"Draps de Reynes" was "cloth of Rennes." Chaucer refers to it as cloth of "Ratnes."

In the middle ages Rennes, in Brittany, was one of the most important commercial and industrial cities of northern France, and was indeed famed for the quality of cloth it produced.

Among the English the name of this city was spelled in various ways, and judging from the fact that most family names developed from foreign cities were borne of merchants, and the fact that Rennes of the Middle Ages was particularly renowned for its commerce, there is little doubt that those who first used it in England were actually merchants, former residents of Rennes, who had settled in England.

Of course the surname at first had a prefix, probably the Norman

French "du" or "de," and in its original form was "Thomas of Raines," "Hugo of Reynes," and other similar information.

SAVINGS

Don't wait until New Years to make your good resolutions about saving money. Start now and get a little practice in December, then you will be in full swing for the New Year.

The Allen County Savings and Loan Company pays five per cent interest and gives you one hundred per cent safety. Your account will be appreciated.

A savings deposit makes a most excellent and appropriate Christmas gift. The book, with credit of amount of your deposit, will be mailed the day before Christmas, if you so request.

GIVE
DIAMONDS
FOR
XMAS

Closed All Day Christmas

AS customary The First National will be closed all day both Christmas and New Years, but on Monday you can open that Savings Account or Join Our Christmas Club for 1921.

WHAT could have more of the elements of a good useful New Years present for the young folks in the family than a Savings Account started with a nice nest egg.

Such a gift is better than money (and that's always considered good) and it may be the start of your loved youngster's fortune.

The Season's Best Greetings to
Our Customers and Friends.

The First National Bank

UNDER THE CLOCK

The stock of this Bank is owned by more than 300000 business men, widows and orphans, and its owners represent wealth totaling well up into the millions.

PUBLIC SQUARE
NORTH SIDE

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

A Merry Christmas to Lima News Readers

We urge you to read every word of this and absorb its message fully for it is important that every man and woman in the Lima district have a true idea of present business conditions.

The readjustment in markets and industries which is now in progress marks the return to fundamentally sound commercial conditions. It is essential that everyone thoroughly understands it for some times great readjustments like this are misunderstood. This is no time for anyone to be the least pessimistic concerning the future. The critical period in the readjustment to lower price levels so vital to our prosperity has already passed, and now there is nothing left to fear. Every body can look ahead with hopeful expectation of better things and feel sure of their accomplishment.

The healthiest and soundest fundamental condition is NORMAL PROSPERITY—prosperity based on stabilized prices and moderate market levels. This is only possible when there is sufficient surplus in the country's resources of raw materials, labor, and manufacturing facilities, to produce commodities at lower costs; to be able to produce even more than what is necessary to meet the normal demand. That is the condition into which we have now been brought by recent events.

People generally have more money saved up than they ever had before. They can buy things to eat, wear and use at lower prices than has been possible for several years. The buying power of the dollar has greatly increased in the past few months.

All these are sure, wholesome signs of normal good times.

Whatever slackened conditions have appeared in spots in our industrial life, are merely temporary incidents that emphasize the rapidity with which the return to normal prosperity is reaching a successful conclusion. Business will carry on and the machinery of American industry will be humming at a normal pace. The great effort necessary to throw off the unsound and harmful effects of the Great War, has already been made, and American industries can now sail along on an even keel.

It is a condition that every one should feel glad of. The Banks of the country were never so sound. The manufacturers are in position to produce plenty of good goods. And everybody realizes that we are back again to the old days where honest industry and thrift measure personal and business success.

This is the time for whole-hearted optimism; the time for firm faith and utmost confidence; the time when everyone should remove all doubt and uncertainty by spreading the stimulating gospel of Normality and Prosperity.

The Lima News

AND TIMES-DEMOCRAT

SPECIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY

Churches Arrange Fitting Programs for the Forenoon

Services will be held in Christ church, Episcopal, at 10 o'clock, when the festive communion services will be celebrated. The church will be handsomely decorated in the yuletide red and greens for the services.

The Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, rector, will speak on "The Christmas Tidings." Special Christmas music will feature. The following is the program of the service:

Processional, "O Come All Ye Faithful"—No. 72
Kyrie—Gaul.
Gloria—Gaul.
Sermon Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—No. 79.
Sermon, "The Christmas Tidings"—The Rector.
Offertory Sentence—Gaul.
Offertory Anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Ashmell—Contralto Solo and Chorus.
Sanctus—Gaul.
Benedictus Qui Venit—Gaul.
Agnus Dei—Gaul.
Christmas Carol, "Holy Night, Silent Night."
Gloria in Excelsis—Chant.
Old English Carol, "What Child is This."
Boll Amen.
Recessional Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—No. 73.

At St. Paul's Lutheran church a Christmas service will be held Saturday morning at 6 o'clock. The Rev. Ira G. Souders, Springfield, will officiate. Special music will be provided by the choir. In the evening

the Sunday school will hold the annual Christmas celebration.

Matin will be conducted in German at Immanuel Lutheran church at 6 o'clock Christmas morning and services in English will be held at 10 a. m. The children's services have been announced for 7 o'clock, in the evening.

Services will be held on Christmas day at the First Reformed church at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. T. W. Hoernemann, pastor, will speak from the subject, "Groups Around the Cradle." The choir has provided special Christmas music.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—FOR ROOSEVELT HOME

NEW YORK — Thousands of little cardboard red bricks have been sent broadcast by the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association in its appeal to raise funds to restore the birthplace of the late Theodore Roosevelt at 28 East Twenty-first. In support of the unique idea each person who receives one of the bricks is asked to sign it and return it with one dollar to the association. All of the bricks containing the names of the contributors will be placed in the cornerstone of Roosevelt house which will be laid January 6, 1921. It is expected that this novel plan for raising the fund will meet with complete success, for thousands who revere the memory of Theodore Roosevelt are "buying a brick" for Roosevelt House.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—XMAS PROGRAM AT EAST SIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Three hundred children of east Lima were Thursday night treated to a Christmas party at the East community house. Captain Wilcox of the East side Fire department was in charge of the program. Mayor Burkhardt, Fire Chief Mack and others addressed the children. A musical program was offered. An elaborately decorated Christmas tree added to the meeting.

APPRAISEMENT IS BEING DELAYED

State Tax Commission Slow in Allowing New Appraisers

Re-appraisal of property in Allen county as in some 60 other counties of the state, is hanging fire as the result of the state tax commission's delay in allowing counties a new force of appraisers.

Such was the word brought back from Toledo Thursday night by County Auditor C. R. Phillips who attended a meeting called by A. R. Peckinpaugh of the state tax commission for the purpose of discussing the recent orders of the commission. Fourteen counties were represented at the Toledo meeting.

Considerable sentiment contrary to the interests of the ordered re-appraisal is having considerable to do with the delay, it is thought. Economic conditions over the country tending to influence the value of

taxable property is said to be bringing forth such sentiment.

Phillips declared that to make possible the re-appraisal of property in this county, two for each of the seven villages, three for Delphos and 27 for the city of Lima would have to start immediately in order to have the tax duplicates ready by October 1, 1921. Salaries for these men would have to be al-

lowed by the state tax commission before they can be started on their work. This as yet has not been done.

The present valuation of Allen county is placed at \$213,619,878 by County Treasurer Miller. Just what ef-

fect the re-appraisal would have upon this value would depend largely upon business conditions at the time of the appraisal, it is said. No estimate of possible increase would be made by either Miller or Phillips.

TOO BAD
An undertaker has been sentenced for killing one hundred people by selling wood ale. What broke his heart, it was the fact that his rivals got all the business.

Simple Phosphate Supplies Strength and Energy Building Elements That Modern Food Lack

Just one or two little tablets of real organic phosphate dispensed in drug stores under the name of Bitro-Phosphate taken with each meal is probably just what you need to cause you to jump out of bed in the morning eager for the industrial battle of the day.

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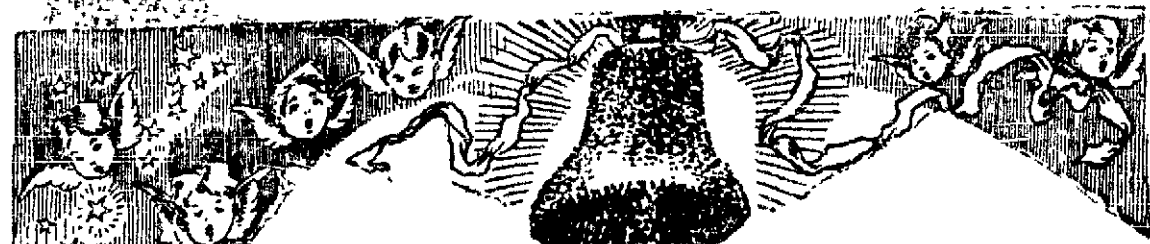
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its gracious clasp, then
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Society News

Mrs. Harry Burgoyne, Brice-ave., extended the hospitality of her home Thursday afternoon to the members of the ideal club. Mrs. Clifford Carl and Mrs. A. C. Stuart were the only guests.

The rooms of the Burgoyne home were unusually attractive with holly, bells and other Christmas suggestions. Following an afternoon spent socially with cocktails and music the hostess assisted by Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Trout, served a delicious luncheon.

The next meeting of the club will be held Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. W. L. Kirk.

Mrs. William Arbuthnot, 128 1-2 E. High-st., opened her home Thursday afternoon to the members of the Lotus Social club. Red and green, suggestive of the Yuletide season, was the color scheme carried out in the decorations of the rooms. At the close of the afternoon of euchre Mrs. P. A. Kershaw and Mrs. Clarence Reed were successful. Guests included Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Keville, Mrs. Elmer Roberts and Mrs. Floyd Stage, Montpelier. At 4 o'clock the hostess served refreshments.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. C. Harris, Hazel-ave.

A very pretty wedding occurred Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Epworth parsonage. Bellefontaine-ave., when Miss Bess B. Horton and Walker James were united in marriage. Rev. W. A. Deaton, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. James left immediately following the ceremony for a short wedding trip and will be at home to their many friends after their return at 402 E. High-st.

In honor of the second birthday anniversary of their little daughter, Selma, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Liff, E. Jackson-st., Delphos, delightfully entertained with a children's party Wednesday evening.

Guests included: Anna, Yetta, Max and Samuel Rosner, Lucille, Catherine, Cyril and Maurice Mueller, Evelyn Heck, Norah Lee Harter, Howard Spellman, Eugene Redd, Eleanor Redd, Patricia and Stanley Harter, Selma Liff and Mr. and Mrs. Plack.

Mrs. Daisie Ruff, Reese-ave., was hostess to the members of the Golden Glow club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Euchre was the diversion of the afternoon and at the close of the game Mrs. Perry Roeder and Mrs. Edward Blair held high score among the members and the guest prize was awarded to Mrs. Keyser. One of the interesting features of the afternoon was the Christmas exchange. Miss Keller, Mrs. Keyser and Mrs. Wolfe, Pittsburgh, Pa., were the only guests. At 4 o'clock a delicious luncheon was served.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Howard Keller, S. Elizabeth-st.

Mrs. Louise Hill entertained the members of the Croquet club Thursday evening at her home, Franklin-st., St. Marys. The evening was devoted to games and social chat and one of the interesting features was the Christmas grab bag. Later refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wallace, and daughter, Margaret, W. Market-st., left Friday for Columbus, where they will visit with friends. Mr. Wallace will leave the first of the week for an eastern trip and Mrs. Wallace and daughter will remain in Columbus for several weeks.

Miss Alice Hill, who is engaged in important work for the Russell Sage Foundation and has been in various parts of the far west and in the south for nearly a year, returns tomorrow to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Alice M. Bell, W. Spring-st.

Miss Elizabeth Winifred Horton, employed in the Finance Department of the government at Ft. Thomas, Kan., arrived home Thursday for the holidays to visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Horton, W. High-st.

Miss Ruth Runiger, Cleveland, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Runiger.

Miss Carrie Delkman, 110 1-2 S. Elizabeth-st., is spending the holidays in Chicago, the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. P. Hannon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ashley, Lincoln-apt., are entertaining over the holidays Mrs. Ashley's sister, Marjorie Nelson, Franklin, Pa.

Mrs. E. J. Golley, W. Market-st., has gone to South Bend, Ind., to spend Christmas with her daughter.

Miss Nichols, public school nurse, left Friday for Sidney, where she will visit friends over Christmas and New Years.

Miss Helen Meredith, W. Spring-st., has gone to Yellow Springs to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Workman, S. Cole-st., have gone to Chicago to be the guest of friends for several days.

Miss Esther Toy and her twenty little pupils in elocution entertained the patients at the Tuberculosis hospital on Thursday afternoon. The program consisted of pantomimes, dancing, songs and a Christmas candle drill. For the patients who were not able to attend in the auditorium short programs were given in their rooms.

Those taking part included: Miss Toy, Miss Freda Spees, Ohio North-west University, Mary Bell Knowles, Wilma Hannon, Margaret Saxe, Lilian Mowery, Marguerite Hunter, Betty Hunter, Elizabeth Huff, Rachael Huff, Charline Fisher, Corleen James, Dorothy Mae James, Louisa Seelia, Jeanette Berry, Lucille Garn-houser, Dorothy Middlestetter, Mary Bell Place and Betty Helms.

A most enjoyable evening was spent Wednesday by members of the J. R. C. club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, E. Third-st., Delphos, when Miss Muzette Thomas, Miss Lauretta Knepper, Miss Ruth Sarber, and Miss Lucille Hersy entertained. The affair was a Christmas party and was an unusually delightful affair. One of the features of the evening was the Christmas grab bag.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Koonitz, 325 W. Elm-st., are entertaining as their holiday guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huber, Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smithson, Tipton, Ind., and Miss Marie Koonitz, 325 W. Elm-st., are entertaining as their holiday guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huber, Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smithson, Tipton, Ind., and Miss Marie Koonitz, New York City.

Lester Thomas, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Thomas, State-st., is coming from the University of Chicago to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. J. F. Cover has arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Edgar J. Thompson and Mrs. Frank Baxter, N. Charles-st., will entertain Thursday, December 30, with a birthday party for the pleasure of their children, Alice Thompson and Samuel Baxter, at the Thompson home.

Miss Viola Mae Johnson, general secretary at the Y. W. C. A., left Friday for Canton, where she has accepted a position as general secretary.

Miss Mary Garton left Friday for her home in Egypt to be gone over the holidays.

Miss Anne Pushey, Toledo, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pushey, S. Pine-st.

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The members of the Community Service club entertained honoring their husbands with a Yuletide dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson, 128 1-2 W. Kibby-st. Holly formed the centerpiece of the table and the appointments carried out the prevailing color scheme of red and green. Toasts were given by J. Hall and P. Reynolds. Following the repeat Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Metzger entertained with several musical numbers. In several clever contests Mrs. C. Leming and J. Schuller were successful. Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leming, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. William Schuller, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. J. Helms, and Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Metzger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walter, 911 Kibby-ave., entertained with euchre at the home Thursday evening for the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stage, Montpelier. Christmas suggestions were used as decoration in the Walters home. Following an evening of euchre a delicious luncheon was served.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Crook, Mr. and Mrs. John Koville, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merkle, Mr. and Mrs. Able, Mr. and Mrs. Stage and Mr. and Mrs. William Arbuthnot.

Mr. and Mrs. William Arbuthnot, 128 1-2 E. High-st., are entertaining as their guest Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stage, Montpelier. They will spend Christmas in Ada with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banberg.

Joe Hutchins, Pittsburgh, Pa., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hutchins, N. Metcalf-st.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thalheimer, Cleveland, and O. Tavares, Chicago, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Neff, E. North-st.

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XMAS CAKES ARE SURROUNDED BY WHOLE HOST OF LEGENDS

In the traditions which surround the Christmas pudding in England we trace the influence of the Chaldean astrologers, who believed that the first 12 days of the year fore-shadowed the events and fate of the coming 12 months; each day corresponding to a month. It is the Christmas pudding that is the most out of luck-bringer for every individual, as shown by the superstition that it is unlucky to eat it before Christmas day, and that in the days following every pudding sampled will bring good fortune for a month. So one should taste, at least, 12 puddings, preferably those made by friends or neighbors. Any wish expressed while eating the first mouthful will be fulfilled during the year. The same applies to mince pies.

In Cornwall it is customary to make a batch of currant cakes for Christmas eve. They are colored with saffron; a small cake on the top of a large one and this top is called "the Christmas." The person has his own cake, and every one ought to take a bit of everyone's else cake. The cakes must not be cut before Christmas day.

In Sussex, the Christmas cakes are kept 12 months to insure the year's luck. In Glamorganshire, Wales, they make "finger cakes"—cakes in the shape of a hand, bearing a bird on the back of it.

In Wiltshire, there was a Christmas cakelet called "cop-a-loaf," which was shaped like a box, with a cock's head on top, and contained an apple. Cop-a-loaves used to be placed (says one of the recipients) at the bedside of the children on Christmas morning.

These cakes of curios or doubtful shape are, usually, no doubt, a reminiscence—unconscious enough—of human or animal sacrifice. For the "dummy" was, as we know, one of the earliest humane devices for satisfying the instinct of the worshipper, without the taking of life.

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Miss Elizabeth Hemmett, 700 E. 1st-st., Wapakoneta, entertained the members of the O. O. club at her home Wednesday evening. The rooms were prettily decorated in the Christmas way and the evening was merrily devoted to game and contests. In the contest Mrs. C. Kuntz and Mrs. Kohler were successful. A delicious luncheon was then served by the hostess.

The Two Mile Sewing club of Wapakoneta, held a regular meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Triple, Wapakoneta. The annual Christmas exchange was the main feature of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowles, Springfield, will arrive the first of the coming week to spend several days as the guest of Miss Bess Sharpley, W. Market-st.

A meeting of the Beta Sigma Pi sorority will be held Friday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy Collins, S. Cole-ave.

Miss S. Collins, S. Cole-ave., for their subscription dance held Tuesday evening at the farer's club. This affair was a substitute for the Charity Ball, which has in the past been an inent affair at the Y. W. C. A. The proceeds of the dance will be used for charities.

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Mr. Bert Lytell in the captivating New York stage success, "The Misleading Lady" promises unusual holiday entertainment.

The Sigma Theatre offers today an unusual entertainment, presenting Mr. Bert Lytell in the great screen success, "The Misleading Lady," a wonderful picture wonderfully acted as the feature attraction. The play in itself has thrills of plenty dramatic moments when the audience sits tense, waiting for the next moment to straighten out things and delicious that relieves the strain and sends everybody rocking with mirth.

The clever actor, Mr. Lytell, who has won a foremost place in screen-dom, his skillful and brilliant work has made many admirers who will be delighted to welcome him in such an amusing interesting picture as "The Misleading Lady."

"The Misleading Lady" will be the Sigma offering today and tomorrow (Christmas Day). In addition to this laughable feature the screamingly funny comedy "Fals and Petticoats" and the latest scene of the world shows thru first run of Fox News reels with Mr. Ralph Lockhead corner virtuoso in his offering "The Evening Star" from Thannhauser together with special musical program by the Sigma orchestra and special organ recital numbers by Mr. Morgan, completing an ideal holiday program.

As every one will be desirous of seeing this excellent Sigma offering, our advice is to come early in the afternoon and be assured of a good comfortable seat.



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In turn may the spirit of Him who brought Peace on Earth and Good Will To Men be with you on this day of His Nativity.

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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "The Mark of Zorro"

A wonderful story. A picture full of action, heart interest and suspense. "The Mark of Zorro" gives "Doug" great chance.

The supreme test of a successful photoplay should be characterized in the first instance by a good story, replete with action, Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro," has certain amongst other things, fulfilled that requirement.

Full of swift, bristling action, there is a strong love interest quite different from that attempted by Fairbanks heretofore. We also find a relieving touch running through the entire picture that buoya one up for the startling events that are in all details gripping, impassioned and mystifying. Every detail of setting and acting has been given the greatest care in presentation, thus creating a harmony of art that is distinctly superior.

Lyric patrons already know that the management has not been unkind in its effort to provide the very best obtainable and they can look forward with expectant pleasure to this coming picture. Fairbanks has surely spared neither time nor expense in providing the very best for his large host of admirers.

"The Mark of Zorro" is an exceptional feature and has created the greatest sensation in every locality in which it has appeared. It is not, therefore, a matter of speculation why people flock in such great numbers to view "Doug" upon the screen, since it surely is in excellent keeping with the policy of producing the best for lovers of amusement.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Again comes the happy time of the year when we can extend to our friends the Season's Best Wishes.

May this Christmas Day be the merriest you have ever known.

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Rely on Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Talcum to care for your skin.

Sample sent free by Mail. Address: "Cuticura Laboratories," Dept. E, Malden 11, Mass. Sold every-where. Keep the Cuticura Soap without measure.

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THE MIDDLE TEMPLE MURDER

BY J. S. FLATNER

Empty, as anything that can be empty is empty; thought Sparo; there was literally nothing in it. They were all staring into the interior of a plain time-worn little receptacle, lined throat with old-fashioned chintz stuff, such as our mid-Victorian forefathers were familiar with, and containing—nothing.

"God bless my soul!" exclaimed the chairman. "This is—dear me!—why there is nothing in the box!"

"That," remarked the high official, drily, "appears to be obvious."

The chairman looked at the secret.

"I understood the box was valuable, Mr. Myerist," he said, with the half-injured air of a man who considers himself to have been robbed of an exceptionally fine treat.

Myerist coughed.

"I can only repeat what I have already said, Sir Benjamin," he answered. "The—er late Mr. Marbury spoke of the deposit as being of great value to him; he never permitted it out of his hand until he placed it in the safe. He appeared to regard it as of the greatest value."

"But we understand from the evidence of Mr. Creditor given to the Watchman newspaper that it was full of papers and—other articles," said the chairman. "Creditor saw papers in it about an hour before it was brought here."

Myerist spread out his hands.

"I can only repeat what I have said, Sir Benjamin," he answered. "I know nothing more."

"But why should a man deposit an empty box?" began the chairman.

"The high official interposed.

"That the box is empty is certain," he observed. "Did you ever handle it yourself, Mr. Myerist?"

Myerist smiled in a superior fashion.

"I have already observed, sir, that from the time the deceased entered this room until the moment he placed the box in the safe which he rented, the box was never out of his hands," he replied.

Then there was silence. At last the high official turned to the chairman.

"Very well," he said. "We've inside the inquiry. Rathbury, take the box away with you and lock it up at the yard."

So Sparo went out with Rathbury and the box, and saw excellent, if anything, material for the article which had already become the daily feature of his paper.

It seemed to Sparo as he sat listening to the proceedings at the adjourned inquest next day that the whole story of what was now world-famous as the Middle Temple murder case was being reiterated before him for the thousandth time. There was not a detail of the story with which he had not become familiar to fulness. The first of a merely formal nature; these were those and exhaustive representative of the twelve food men and two city of London were there to hear and to find out and to arrive at a conclusion as to how the man known as John Marbury came by his death. And although he knew all about it, Sparo found himself tabulating the evidence in a professional manner, and noting how each successive witness contributed as it were, a chapter to the story. The story itself ran quite as naturally, and sequentially, as could make it in sections. And Sparo, sitting merely to listen, made them.

First, The temple porter and Constable Duncell proved the finding of the body.

Second, The police surgeon testified as to the cause of death—the man had been struck down from behind by a blow, a terrible blow—

from some heavy instrument, and had died immediately.

Third, The police and the mortuary officials proved that when the body was examined nothing was found in the clothing but the now famous scrap of gray paper.

Fourth, Rathbury proved that by means of the dead man's new fashionable cloth cap, bought at Fiskie's well-known shop in the West End, he traced Marbury to the Anglo-Orient Hotel in the Waterloo district.

Fifth, Mr. and Mrs. Walters gave evidence of the arrival of Marbury at the Anglo-Orient Hotel, and of his doings while he was in and about there.

Sixth, The purser of the S. S. Wamburgh proved that Marbury sailed from Melbourne to Southampton on that ship, excited and marked, behaved himself like another well-regulated passenger, and left the Wamburgh at Southampton early in the morning of what was to be the last day of his life in just the ordinary manner.

Seventh, Mr. Creditor gave evidence of his rencontre with Marbury in the matter of the stamps.

Eighth, Mr. Myerist told of Marbury's visit to the safe deposit, and further proved that the box which he placed there proved, an official examination, to be empty.

Ninth, William Webster retold the story of his encounter with Marbury in one of the vestibules of the House of Commons, and of his witnessing the meeting between him and the gentleman whom he (Webster) now knew to be Mr. Aylmore, a member of Parliament.

All this led up to the appearance of Mr. Aylmore, M. P., in the witness box. And Sparo knew and felt that it was that appearance for which the crowded court was waiting.

Thanks to his own vivid and realistic special in the Watchman, everybody there had already become well and thoroughly acquainted with the mass of evidence represented by the nine witnesses who had been in the box before Mr. Aylmore entered it.

They were familiar, too, with the facts which Mr. Aylmore had permitted Sparo to print after the interview at the club, which Ronald Breton arranged. Why, then, the extraordinary interest which the member of Parliament's appearance aroused?

For everybody was extraordinarily interested: from the corner downward to the last man who managed to squeeze himself into the last available inch of the public gallery, all who were there wanted to hear and see the man who met Marbury under such dramatic circumstances, and who went to his hotel with him, hobnobbed with him, gave him advice, walked out of the hotel with him for a stroll from which Marbury never returned. Sparo knew well why the interest was so keen—everybody knew that Aylmore was the only man who could tell the court anything really pertinent about Marbury: who he was, what he was after, what his life had been.

He looked around the court as the witness box—a tall, handsome, perfectly groomed man, whose beard was only slightly tinged with gray, whose figure was as erect as a well-drilled soldier's, who carried about him an air of conscious power.

Aylmore's two daughters sat at a little distance away. Opposite Sparo, with Ronald Breton in attendance upon them; Sparo had encountered their glance as they entered the court, and they had given him a friendly nod and smile. He had watched them from time to time. It was plain to him that they regarded the whole affair as a novel sort of entertainment; they might have been idle in some eastern bazaar, listening to the unfolding of many tales from the professional tale-tellers. Now, as their father

catered the box, Sparo looked at them again, he saw nothing more than a little heightening of color in their cheeks, a little brightening of their eyes.

(To Be Continued)

JUST A GIRL

ZENIA IS BEWILDERED

I felt the class difference between Frank Claxton and myself keenly—not the difference of birth, but of environment. He was my employer, rich, successful, a society man; I was a poor girl with mother to support. That I once had been socially in the same position he now was, seemed not to help at all; rather, it made matters worse.

Yet I was intensely aware of him, of my happiness when with him. But I could not forget—save on that one occasion—the difference in our stations. I was now like Jennie Wilcox, or any other office girl. He was "the boss," as all expressed it. I wished that class animosity were unknown, vanquished in the great melting pot of the nation—that there might come a day when true companionship between men and women would mean more than anything else. But these thoughts and ideas I kept to myself. I had attended a lecture not long before in which the lecturer said:

"Always remember that you—personally, have as much right to enjoy life as has the rich man, the successful man. Your rights and your interests are the same as those of the poorest of the individual."

It may seem to the reader of my story that I was super-sensitive concerning these things. But put yourself in my place. Take yourself from the luxury in which I was brought up. Imagine yourself not yet 19 years old, thrown on the world without a penny, without the equipment that makes for any kind of business success. Do as I did—work for any one, anywhere, to keep the breath of life in your body. Then criticize—if you can.

"Zen! I saw you had a letter from Kenneth." It was Mother's way of asking me what I intended to do.

"Yes."

"Well, Dear, is there anything you want to tell me?"

"No—not yet. I haven't decided."

"Do you think it quite fair, Dear—he expects you to marry him?"

"I know—but oh, Mother, please don't let's talk about it. When I really decide I will let you know."

"Very well, Zenia, but—be sure, Dear. Married life is either the greatest happiness in the world, or it brings the most misery. I want you to marry. I hate to see you slaving as you do to take care of us—but don't marry a man unless you love him. I remember once when your Father and I were talking of you, he said, 'I would rather bury my little girl than have her tied to a man she did not love, and who did not love her.' I laughed at him at the time. Now I know he was right."

Mother waited for a moment, then went on:

"You see, you are different now, Zenia. Then you were just a happy, carefree girl. Now you have grown independent and so different. Society would not satisfy you now—at least, I am afraid it wouldn't. Everything I read now has to do with the independence of women. I can't think much of it is right. I believe the home is the place for all women unless they are economically impossible for them to remain there. But you are of this generation, not of mine. Marry a man you love, Zenia, a man

"All that they feel," he thought, "is a bit of extra excitement at the idea that their father is mixed up in this delightful mystery. Um! Well—now how much is he mixed up?"

And he turned to the witness-box and from that moment never took his eyes off the man who now stood in it. For Sparo had ideas about the witness which he was anxious to develop.

(To Be Continued)

HER OWN CAREER

By PHYLLIS PHILLIPS
FEDYA'S STORY

At Fern's startling words, Gwenda jumped to her feet, her eyes filled with sympathy and horror.

"Fedya—a wife! His wife in—sue at times! Why, I can't understand you at all Fern. Please tell me over again. It cannot be true that Fedya has such a ghastly tragedy in his life. And I never, even dreamed that he was married."

"It's only too true, my dear," answered Fern, sadly. "It's one of the cruel facts that have made us all so kind, and so extra fond of our Fedya. A man like that is doubly in need of friendship, as well as understanding from the world."

"But what made him marry her, and where does she live? I feel so terribly bewildered, Fern. Yet Fedya is nothing to me. And it's probably none of my business to pry into his affairs."

"Fedya married a very beautiful Polish actress when he was twenty-two," resumed Fern. "She was about eighteen, and famous in her own country. They were happy for a time, then by degrees Fedya found out that he had not married the type of woman he thought he had. Natalie, his wife, played fast and loose with him, and carried on affairs with other men, under his very nose. She craved luxury and admiration above everything else, and was willing to sell her soul for them. Fedya, being young and inexperienced, as well as only a struggling artist, with his feet on the first rung of the ladder, had no chance from the start. She disillusioned him in the most ruthless way, and left him a mental and physical wreck by the time he was twenty-four. Ran off with another, and older man, I believe, tho he never speaks of this. After a horrible six months, Fedya decided to come to America, forget the past and turn his face to the sun once more. That he did. And he soon became a good citizen—and is now on the way to the very top of the ladder."

That is all of ten years ago now.

but it was only about five years ago that he heard of his wife again. Natalie, after the fashion of her kind, lived a wild life abroad, following every wild-o'-th-wisp that called to her. And at twenty-five she was a physical wreck, herself, and addicted to drugs. She learned of Fedya's success and followed him to this country. Made several scenes for him. And finally forced him to live with her again.

"Since then she has gone down steadily and is subject to periods of insanity. He is the unhappiest man I have ever known, for now there is nothing but pity in his heart for this woman, who has done everything in her power to ruin him, and yet he is bound to her."

"Poor, poor Fedya," said Gwenda softly.

(To be continued)

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The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads,
And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below.

When what to my wandering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny Reindeer;
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name—
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Comet! on, Comet and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys—and Saint Nicholas too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof;
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney Saint Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry,
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow!
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jolly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose,
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

Merry Christmas to All, and to All, a Good, Night!

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—AT—
ELIZABETH

1920 This— Christmas Eve.

AFTER the rush of a very busy Holiday Season, when we all put forth every effort to make THIS CHRISTMAS the most joyous of all our lives; when the calmer moments come and the Happy Christmas Tide is here, we feel that we must some way find expression for the feeling of kindness toward you folks, whether you be new friends or old. So, tonight,

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WITTENBERG SQUAD TO PLAY CENTRAL HERE TONIGHT

Tonight in the Central Hi gymnasium, the Wittenberg college basketball team will be seen in an exhibition game against the local high school.

The Lutherans had practically all arrived here by noon and were going to hold a short workout later in the gymnasium at the Y. M. C. A.

Coach Detrick of Central put his string of players thru some stiff workouts last night in preparation for the game as he wants to see some good defensive work in the exhibition game.

This may be the only time this season that local fans will have the opportunity to see a real college team in action.

Wittenberg has their best team in years, and have important games booked with some of the best teams in the east and middle west.

New Year Day they will play Princeton University here at Springfield.

Paul Detrick, a brother of Coach Detrick of Central, is captain of the team and it was thru the efforts of his big brother that the college quintet was induced to play here.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—CUP RACE IS TO BE HELD IN SPRING

NEW YORK — The Childs cup race, the classic of all-gate racing, will be decided next spring on the Harlem river, according to Charles H. Mapes, of the governing board of stewards.

By an agreement, the race will be rowed on Lake Cayuga in 1922, and on the Schuylkill river in 1923.

The naval academy crew, winner of last year's race, and the world's champions, will not be invited to compete but probably will row in the Foughkeepsie regatta.

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SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—HIGH SCHOOL GRID SQUAD ON TRIP

CLEVELAND, O. — Coach Sam Williamson and his fast Technical High School football squad twenty strong, left here today for Everett, Wash., where they will contest on New Year's day with the holders of the Pacific coast title for the national high school football honors.

All the players were reported in excellent physical condition. A workout was planned at either Pasadena or Los Angeles. According to schedule they will arrive in Everett on the morning of December 30.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—JOE STECHER IS ILL IN OMAHA

OMAHA, Neb. — Joe Stecher, who lost his crown as heavy weight wrestling champion to Ed (Strangler) Lewis in New York last week was in a hospital here today suffering with neuritis.

The specialist attending him said that the attack was caused by straining his left arm in the Lewis match. He probably will be out of the game for the rest of the winter, it was said.

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Miss Carolyn Plattner making one of her daily practice shots.

Miss Carolyn Plattner, champion woman pocket billiard player who has defeated many of the best male players, leaves soon for a year's trip to Panama, South America and Japan to meet all comers for the championship title.

She had it installed in her hotel suite in New York while she stayed in that city waiting to sail. She practices daily.

TENNIS MEET TO START JAN. 10

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Play for the professional court tennis championship of America starts at the Racquet Club in this city on January 10.

The leading professionals of the country are entered in the event, which will continue through the week.

They include R. Dusto, of Boston, who will meet J. Miss, Philadelphia in the preliminary round, Jack Soutar, Philadelphia, who will play Otto Glicker, Boston in the first round, and C. J. Fairs, former champion of the world who drew a bye.

Jay Gould, open champion of America, and amateur champion of the world, will defend his title in a round with the winner of the tournament.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—BABE RUTH HITS HOME TRAIL

KILY WEST, Fla. — Another home run for Babe Ruth.

Leaving Cuba flat on its back after a demonstration of clouting, Babe and Mrs. Ruth landed here to day enroute home for a Christmas celebration. The batting demon will go hunting in Maine early in January.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARES—BOGUS TICKETS ON SALE

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — Counterfeit tickets to the "Old Spangled Banner" game at Tivoli, Los Angeles, are being sold in Los Angeles and other cities. It was announced today by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association that where anyone who has purchased a ticket is to be played.

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LOCAL TEAM SHOWS SPEED IN GAME WITH ST. MARYS FIVE

In one of the roughest games of basketball played in Lima this season, the American Legion quintet battled its way to victory against the St. Mary Independents at Memorial Hall last night.

Both teams started out with a rush. The technical points of the game seemed to have been forgotten and football tactics were mostly used.

Intrusion of the referee and his fouling members of both teams, did not stop the huskies. They wanted to rough it, and they did. Not only was the St. Mary's team playing dirty ball, but the locals did it, too, which was the right thing to do.

The refereeing of Bill Barlow, sporting editor of this paper and writer of this article, was in a sense rotten. He failed to call glaring fouls, but attributes this to "equal roughness of both teams."

Players on both teams were filled with scrap, and if all personal fouls would have been called there is no doubt but that two entirely different teams would have been on the floor when the game ended.

Miller and Thomas, a good game at forward, while Baker showed his usual fast speed.

Line-up and summary:
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Miller forward Schulte
Thomas forward Kishler
Eaker center Von der Heer
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ALICE JOYCE IN "THE PREY"

Directory Discloses Good Attractions For Christmas

(BY ESTHER WAGNER)

WITHOUT a doubt, the program being shown at the Orpheum the last half of this week and Christmas, is about the best array of vaudeville seen there in several months.

The outstanding feature of course, is the act put on by our own Tommy Overholt and his partner, Miss Young. At the matinee he was enthusiastically received and recalled time and again, to which he responded with a clever little dance number. The act itself, a usual comedy-song talk offering, is splendid, and Mr. Overholt's vis-a-vis is most charming. Again we have proof that Lima can turn out THE talent.

The opening act, a girl on a cycle, is very entertaining, and Miss Keller, I believe her name is, is agile, strong and decidedly easy to look at. McKee and Saffer, two young ladies, have one of the best numbers of the entire six. Their material is very light, and intended purely to make you laugh. They make no pretense what ever of being artists and seem perfectly willing to be considered performers, just as long as you keep chuckling. They do have a few old ones, however, like that one about Rex Beach.

Beets and Wheaton, in a dialogue number, have the funniest offering on the bill. One of the gentlemen impersonates a Swede, or a Slav or something, and is a positive scream. Hunter, Randall and Senorita have an amusing military travesty entitled "On the Mexican Border" that is mighty fine entertainment. The closing act, the Eugene Troupe, tumblers and acrobats leaves you in a pleasant mood. These young men, all of them good-looking, perform amazing feats in mid-air and provide thrills aplenty.

From first to last, the program is a winner and if I were you, I'd take it in.

Merry Christmas!

"The Prey" ALICE JOYCE has a somewhat different role in her newest picture "The Prey," and while she is still charming and still able

to pose beautiful, she seems obvious and a bit borsome. "The Prey" is Miss Joyce. She marries an old grump to keep him from telling the world about a check her brother forged; also, from blaspheming forth the fact that her father hadn't been exactly honest in a little matter of a fund. And all this time she really loves a nice looking young district attorney, who loves her, too.

Things get quite complicated towards the end of the picture, but a death or two and a few arrests clear the air and the course of true love lies before them. The plot, as you can see, is quite old.

One of the interesting features of the film is the part where the maid, in league with the old grump of a husband, imitates her mistress, by calling the district attorney on the phone, asking him to come over immediately. Of course we all know that Miss Joyce cannot be imitated, but it is interesting to watch the maid in her attempts to ape her.

Costuming in "The Prey" was well taken care of; the photography and interiors are splendid and the supporting cast is a good one. But I liked Miss Joyce so much better when she played with Robert Gordon.

"The Prey" is the attraction today and Christmas at the Lyric theatre.

THEATRE DIRECTORY

AT THE REGENT:
Mack Sennett's "Love, Honor and Behave" with Phyllis Haver and Charles Murray, is the feature attraction today at the Regent theatre. In addition, H. B. Warner is being shown in "Uncharted Channels."

AT THE SIGMA:
Bert Lytell is the star in "The Misleading Lady" appearing today and tomorrow at the Sigma theatre. Special

Christmas program by the Sigma Symphony Orchestra, afternoon and evening.

AT THE MAJESTIC:
"Alias Jimmy Valentine" is the feature attraction today at the Majestic theatre.

AT THE ROAL:
Gloria Swanson heads the cast in "Every Woman's Husband" showing today at the Royal theatre.

AT THE RIALTO:
A special western drama "The Sagebrusher" is showing today at the Rialto theatre.

FILM FICKERS:
Bessie Barriscale is featured in the movie from Emerson Hough's novel, "The Broken Gate."

Gareth Hughes appeared first conspicuously in "Head and Shoulders" He will be shown in "Sentimental Tommy."

Priscilla Bonner first appeared on the screen about a year ago. Since then she has played leading roles in "King of the Circus" and "The Vanishing Dagger."

Gina Palerme is the name of the French actress to be started in a Paris movie called "L'Eternel Feminin."

"I know," says Constance Binney, "that it isn't possible to characterize that is, bring thought and understanding to one's acting before one is 30."

Dustin Farnum has formed a company to make his own pictures. He will start work on one called "The Trail of the Ax" and will start work on the "Compact."

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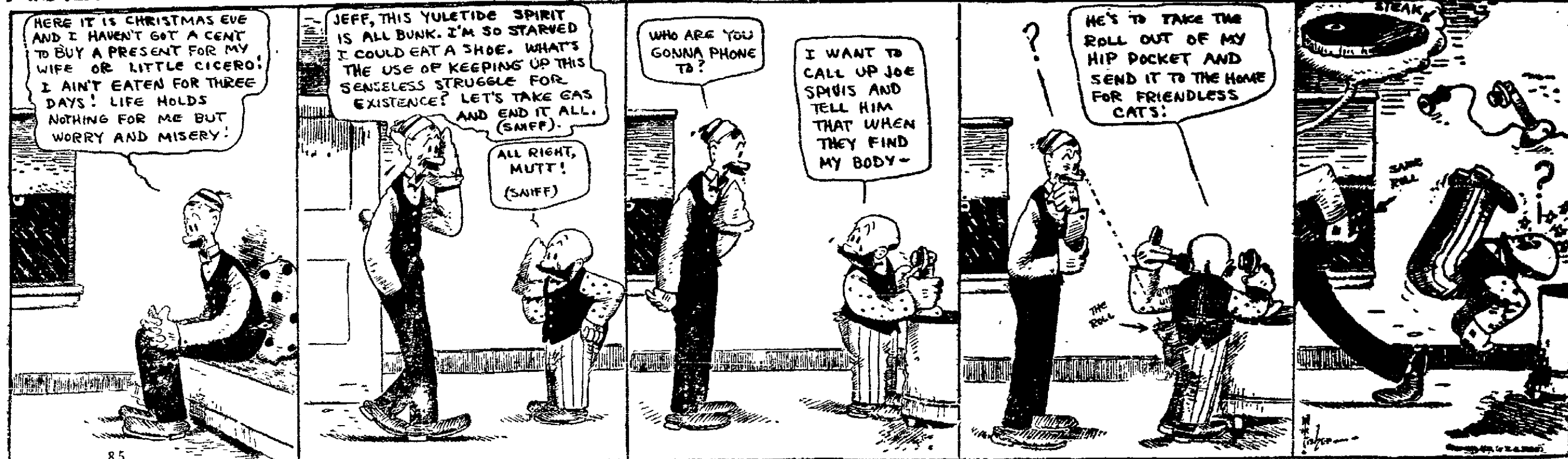
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MUTT AND JEFF—LOOKS LIKE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR MUTT AFTER ALL—



SHORT SHAVINGS

The end of the last year was drawing near and, as had been the custom, the team from the local police force and a team from our of



VER OUT! HOT!

The lodges in town were playing their annual game of ball. A citizen who owned a fast motor car was "rumps." The wearers of the "fat" were at bat. Jim Clancy, a speed cop, connected with a slow one which went short. It was a close play.

"You're out!" yelled the ump.

"What? I was safe a mile," said Clancy.

"I said you're out," repeated the ump with emphasis, as he started toward his place back of the pitcher.

Clancy said something about robber, and needing glasses, when the umpire turned.

"Say, Clancy," he said, "remember the other day when you said that I was going thirty-five miles an hour? When I tried to agree with you, you told me not to talk back to the law! Well, I'm the law here, and you're out!"

"And you," queried his best girl

anxiously, "did you acquit yourself in Paris?"

The ex-Joughboy looked disturbed.

"I didn't know you'd got wise to that," he answered, "I didn't acquit myself. They gave me two months."

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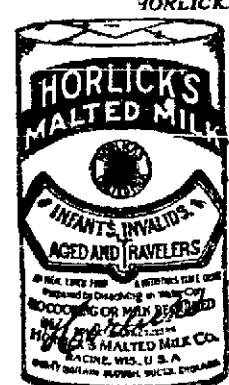
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